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Platform of the Third Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly

Third Session of Fourth S.P.A. Held in Presence of Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the Respected and Beloved Leader

The Third Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly was held for three days from April 24 at the Mansudae Assembly Hall, Pyongyang, in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

The session was held in the grand circumstances where the whole country is seething with a great revolutionary upsurge to accelerate the complete victory of socialism and the revolutionary cause of the country's unification upholding the report delivered by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung at the historic Party Conference, the great Ten-Point Political Programme and the report made at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic and where the anti-U.S. national-salvation struggle of the South Korean people is gaining in scope and strength with each passing day to sweep away the U.S. imperialists and their stooges Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, and at a time when the situation in the country is ever more strained owing to the frenzied new war manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism.

The session was attended by deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, and many functionaries of Party and government organs and public organizations, workers in the domains of economy, science, culture, public health and art and working people in various fields.

Diplomatic envoys of various countries in Pyongyang were also invited to the session.

Respectfully placed in the background of the platform was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, who has steadfastly led our revolution along one road of victory taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and nation for 40 odd years, and thus turned our country into a powerful, dignified socialist power.

Hung there were also a model of soaring Mt. Baekdu symbolizing the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle inherited by our Party and people and an unfurled flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea—the glorious fatherland—which the anti-Japanese fighters won at the cost of their blood and which fine sons and daughters of our people defended with their lives.

The hearts of the entire deputies and attendants of the meeting were filled with the feelings of unbounded reverence for, trust in and intense loyalty to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the prominent Marxist-Leninist and great Leader of the revolution, who has turned our country into a socialist power with an advanced socialist system, firm foundation of an independent national economy, powerful all-people defence system and brilliant national culture by putting forth the great idea of *Juche* and the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence, its embodiment, and energetically organizing and mobilizing our people to their implementation and who recently authored "On Some Theoretical Problems of the Socialist Economy", a brilliant work which is of epoch-making significance in the development of our revolution, socialist and communist construction and the development of Marxist-Leninist economic theory, and thereby brightly illumined the road to socialist and communist construction. And their hearts were full of a sense of boundless honour of and pride in being his revolutionary soldiers.

On their faces was depicted the firm determination to remain single-heartedly loyal to the Leader, defend him with their lives in whatever storm and stress and carry out to the end the orders and instructions of the Leader through thick and thin by arming themselves more firm

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The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on April 23 in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists perpetrated one more grave act of military provocation by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of our country on April 15 to conduct hostile espionage act and are newly raising a war racket with this incident as an occasion. The statement reads in full:

Statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The U.S. imperialists' manoeuvrings to provoke a new war in Korea have now reached a very dangerous stage. On April 15 the U.S. imperialists sent a large-size reconnaissance plane to intrude deep into the territorial air of our country and perpetrate hostile acts of espionage, thus causing another grave incident of military provocation.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have long stepped up their preparations for war in gross violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, reinforcing their armed forces of aggression and military strength of the South Korean puppet army, continuously bringing various kinds of new-type weapons and combat materiel into South Korea, expanding military installations, military air-fields and harbours and strategic highways, and ceaselessly conducting large-scale military exercises; and have committed more openly with each passing day military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the ground, on the sea and in the air.

During the period from the beginning of this year till April 10 alone, armed assaults, rifle and gun firing and other provocations committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors against our side along the Military Demarcation Line in an attempt to concoct pretexts for provoking a new war amounted to as many as 2,180 and more cases, counting only those officially protested against by our side at the Military Armistice Commission. In mid-March the U.S. imperialists conducted a large-scale military exercise of "transporting by air" numerous aggression army units and war materiel from the U.S. mainland into South Korea under the name of "operation Focus Retina", openly clamouring that it was aimed at directly "threatening" the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. This fact alone is enough to show clearly to what extent the U.S. imperialists' manoeuvres to pro-

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voke a new war have reached.

As a link in the whole chain of such manoeuvres to provoke a new war, the U.S. imperialists have uninterruptedly perpetrated by all means acts of espionage upon the rear of our country.

The incident of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" was a typical example of it. But the U.S. imperialists even after they apologized for their crimes in the "Pueblo" incident and gave the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea an assurance that they would never repeat such an act of aggression, have not desisted from their acts of espionage, and they have especially intensified new aggressive acts of espionage in the air.

Even according to the announcements made by the U.S. imperialists themselves, the U.S. imperialist reconnaissance planes have in recent months flown around the territorial air of our Republic to commit acts of espionage on several hundred occasions, and at last on April 15, an up-to-date large-size reconnaissance plane of U.S. imperialism equipped with electronic apparatuses intruded deep into the territorial air of the Republic to conduct hostile acts of espionage.

Since it illegally violated the sacrosanct territorial air of our Republic, the U.S. imperialist reconnaissance plane could not but meet an immediate self-defence measure of our valiant People's Army soldiers who always defend the territorial air of the fatherland with vigilance.

Our counterattack and self-defence measure against the planes of the U.S. imperialist aggression army which recklessly intrude into the territorial air of our country to carry out acts of espionage are a legitimate exercise of sovereignty by the Korean people which no one is allowed to prevent, and they are a justified act which fully conforms to international law.

This notwithstanding, as their reconnaissance plane was shot down, the U.S. imperialists are again talking black into white as in the "Pueblo" incident, alleging that the reconnaissance plane was shot down while "engaged in lawful reconnaissance activity" in the "air over high seas" and what not; they are even noisily describing the rightful self-defence measure of our Republic as an "act of aggression" and kicking up a fresh war racket.

With no amount of clamour, however, can the U.S. imperialists conceal the criminal fact that they openly violated the territorial air of our country in broad daylight and committed aggressive acts of provocation, nor can they shirk their responsibility for them.

As is well known to all, it is a stereotyped artifice always used by the U.S. imperialist aggressors to provoke others first and clamour before world public opinion that it is others who have provoked first.

That the latest intrusion into the territorial air of our country by the U.S. imperialist reconnaissance plane was not an accidential occurrence but an act perpetrated precisely as a link in the chain of premeditated manoeuvrings to ignite a new war in Korea is seen vividly in the fact that under the pretext of this incident, the U.S. imperialists are concentrating greater masses of their aggressive armed forces in the areas around our country and intensifying war clamours, and are adopting a more high-handed attitude towards us.

On April 18, Nixon described as if it were their right or a matter of course to conduct reconnoitering activities against our country, and said that reconnaissance flights against our country would continue in the future too, and that such reconnaissance flights would be provided with armed protection, and he added that future developments would depend on the "reaction" of our Republic.

The argument itself that it is natural for them to violate the sovereignty of foreign countries and conduct reconnaissance activities lays bare the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists as it is.

It is obvious to everyone that in incessantly sending various kinds of armed spy ships and reconnaissance planes to spy on the military and state secrets of our country, the U.S. imperialists aim solely at making preparations to launch a war of aggression.

Therefore, Nixon's statement that hostile acts of espionage will be continued on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is nothing but a new provocation against us, nothing but a threat and blackmail.

This is a preposterous abusive language which no sovereign independent country with self-respect can ever accept.

The U.S. imperialists say that they would provide their hostile reconnaissance flights with armed escort, and this, too, cannot but be a very dangerous playing with fire. Even though the U.S. imperialists insist in word that their planes will fly over high seas, there is no ground to make an assurance that they will not intrude into the territorial air of our country again.

If the reconnaissance planes of the U.S. imperialists intrude into the territorial air of our country, we will not sit with folded arms, but will take resolute measures for safeguarding our sovereignty as ever.

Then the U.S. imperialists will use this as a pretext to commit a full-scale armed attack against us, which may only lead to another total war in Korea in the end.

Therefore, the remarks made by Nixon this time are another intolerable insult to our Republic and the Korean people; they are, in fact, an open declaration that he is taking a step further to the brink of war.

On Nixon's bellicose instructions, the aggressors of U.S. imperialism have organized a task force with so many vessels including a battleship and aircraft carriers and are concentrating it around our country in a hurry, while, at the same time, the U.S. imperialist aggression army occupying South Korea and the South Korean puppet armed forces have enforced a "state of emergency" and reinforced the troops along the frontline and been on the "extra-special alert".

The South Korean puppets are making a systematic plot, clamouring that they will make a "joint retaliation" with the U.S. imperialists. This has now aggravated tension in Korea to the extreme.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people categorically condemn the latest violation of the territorial air of our country by the reconnaissance plane of the U.S. imperialist aggression army and the subsequent fresh war racket being raised by the U.S. imperialists, which is not only a grave act of aggression against the Korean people but a challenge to peace in Asia and the world.

All the sources of the extremely aggravated tension and of the constant danger of a new war breaking out in Korea today lie precisely in the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their aggressive manoeuvrings.

Had the U.S. imperialists not occupied South Korea there would never have been such an acute situation in Korea today. If the U.S. imperialists had not sent the armed spy ship to intrude into the territorial waters of our country, there would have been no "Pueblo" incident and if the reconnaissance plane had not been sent to violate our territorial air, there would not have taken place the latest incident of the reconnaissance plane being shot down.

All these incidents occurred not because ships or planes of our country entered the territorial waters or air of the United States but because the ship and plane of U.S. imperialism violated the territorial waters and air of our country.

As everyone knows, ours is a peace-loving country.

Never from ancient times have our people committed aggression against any country or provoked anyone first. The question is that the U.S. imperialists come to our country many thousands of miles away from their country to provoke us and play with fire.

Our people do not want to provoke anyone first, but will never allow anyone to insult and provoke us.

The entire Korean people are firmly determined to repulse to the end any acts of infringing upon our sovereignty even if they die.

Peace is maintained in Korea today thanks only to the persevering efforts on the part of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In order to maintain and consolidate peace in Korea, all foreign troops should be withdrawn from South Korea first of all as envisaged in the Korean Armistice Agreement and Koreans should be made to solve the question of Korean unification by themselves without any interference of outside forces.

Nevertheless, Nixon alleged that they are responsible for "protecting the security" of South Korea and attempted to pretend that it is justifiable for the U.S. imperialist aggression army to stay on in South Korea.

When did the South Korean people ever make a request for such U.S. "protection"? If there ever was one, it was made by none other than a handful of South Korean traitors to the nation.

There is, indeed, no ground whatsoever for the U.S. imperialists to be in South Korea. The clamour of the U.S. imperialists about the fictitious "threat of communist aggression from the north" is a sheer lie wilfully made just to cover up and "legalize" their occupation of South Korea and manoeuvres to launch a new war.

Should the U.S. imperialist aggression army get out of South Korea and there be no interference of outside forces, the question of Korean unification can be solved at any time by the Korean people themselves by peaceful means.

For the maintenance of peace and the elimination of the aggravated tension in Korea, the U.S. imperialists must immediately desist from all the provocations they are committing against the Korean people now and must get out of South Korea without delay, taking their armed forces of aggression and lethal weapons.

The tenacious struggle of the Korean people today against the aggression of the U.S. imperialists and their manoeuvrings for provoking a new war, is a link in the chain of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle being waged on a world-wide scale. This constitutes a just struggle to safeguard peace in Korea and Asia, and the world as well.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people appeal to all the peace-loving countries and peoples of the world to pay due attention to the grave situation created in Korea owing to the U.S. imperialist manoeuvrings for aggression and resolutely condemn the U.S. imperialists for their despotic behaviour.

We express the hope that the peoples all over the world will manifest full support to and solidarity with the righteous cause of the Korean people who are battling to safeguard the security and sovereignty of their fatherland from the U.S. imperialist threat of aggression.

At a time when the U.S. imperialist manoeuvrings to provoke a new war have reached a dangerous stage, the entire Korean people and the People's Army, rallying more firmly as never before around the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, must sharpen their revolutionary vigilance and be fully prepared to return retaliation for the "retaliation" of the aggressors and all-out war for their all-out war in order to defend their beloved socialist fatherland and their revolutionary gains won with blood.

The just cause of the Korean people against the U.S. imperialist aggressors is bound to win.

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ly with the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the unitary ideology of our Party, and constantly revolutionizing and working-classizing themselves.

At four p.m. on April 24 **the respected and beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,** mounted the platform. Then all deputies and attendants of the session rose and enthusiastically welcomed him with ringing cheers of *"Manse"* and prolonged thunderous applause which shook the assembly hall.

Comrade Choi Yong Kun and Comrade Kim Il and other Party and government leaders and many responsible cadres also took up the platform.

After the opening address made by Chairman Baek Nam Wun of the Supreme People's Assembly, the following agenda was adopted:

On the results of the fulfilment of the 1968 state budget and on the 1969 state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (submitted by the Cabinet of the D.P.R.K.)

Comrade Yun Gi Bok, Minister of Finance, made the report on this agenda.

Deputy Kang Hui Won, member of the Budgetary Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, reported on the results of the examination by the committee of the results of the fulfilment of the 1968 state budget and of the 1969 state budget.

At the session many deputies made speeches on the agenda.

They sternly exposed and denounced the U.S. imperialists' recent frantic new war racket which reached a graver stage, and said in unison that the resolute and adamant stand clarified in the statement of the Government of the Republic issued on April 23 in this connection reflects the unanimous will of the entire Korean people and enjoys the full support of our people.

In order to guard their beloved socialist fatherland and the revolutionary gains won with their blood, our heroic People's Armymen and armed people, rallied around the Party and the Leader closer than ever before, are sharpening revolutionary vigilance, watching the enemy's war moves closely and they are making full preparations to return retaliation for the "retaliation" of the invaders and all-out war for all-out war, the speakers pointed out. And they stressed that if the U.S. imperialists dare to ignite another war in this land, they will be smashed and annihilated at a stroke.

They emphasized that last year the state budget was successfully fulfilled thanks to the wise guidance of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and to the devoted labour of the working people who, united firmly around him, gave greater spurs to the grand march of Chollima and that it financially ensured with satisfaction the difficult, enormous work of powerfully pushing ahead with economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, while further bettering the people's living.

Last year our people, they stressed, tided over all hardships and ordeals without any vacillation under the very tense and complex situation, further strengthened the country's economic might and defence capacity and improved the livelihood of the people still more. This was attributable entirely to the wise guidance of the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung who set forth the great idea of *Juche* and the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence and always leads our people to victory, glory, happiness and prosperity, they remarked.

Deeply regretting that under the heinous colonial military fascist rule of the U.S. imperialists the South Korean people of the same blood are deprived of every freedom and right and groan in a living hell where starvation, poverty, terrorism and murder reign, the speakers fully exposed the nature of the predatory, anti-popular reactionary budget of the puppet Pak Jung Hi clique who faithfully serve the war policy of their master American imperialists.

Pointing out that the South Korean people and revolutionaries are now waging a resolute, undaunted struggle for a new government, new system and a new life, looking up to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, and with his great revolutionary ideas as the weapon of their struggle, they extended warm brotherly support and encouragement to their struggle.

The speakers said that the state budget for this year was mapped out so as to satisfactorily guarantee financially the great revolutionary upsurge for successfully carrying out the programmatic tasks set by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, in his report made at the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea, in the great Ten-Point Political Programme and in the report delivered at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic and occupying victoriously the major heights of the Seven-Year Plan and, expressed full support to the state budget for this year submitted for examination.

They made a firm resolve to arm themselves with the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and defend with their lives the Central Committee of the Party headed by him in any adversity, to raise higher the flame of the great revolutionary upsurge in all fronts of economic construction and defence upbuilding and brilliantly carry through the programmatic tasks set by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in his report delivered at the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea, in the great Ten-Point Political Programme and in the report made at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic and thus to further strengthen the political, economic and military power of the country and promote the complete victory of socialism and the revolutionary cause of the fatherland's unification.

The session adopted unanimously a decision approving the results of the fulfilment of the state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for 1968 and the law on the state budget of the D.P.R.K. for 1969.

At the session Baek Nam Wun, Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly, made a closing address.

The session successfully discussed and decided on items on the agenda and closed on April 26.

A Great Historic Event Which Developed the National-liberation Struggle of the Korean People onto a New, Higher Stage

On the Occasion of the 37th Birthday of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army

Thirty-seven years ago, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, founded the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army. This was a historical event of epochal significance in the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle of the Korean people and in the development of the communist movement in Korea.

On the occasion of the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army, the entire Korean people with a great national pride and revolutionary self-confidence, look back on the glorious course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the immortal exploits performed in this course.

On the basis of a scientific analysis and review of the historic experiences and lessons of our country's anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle Comrade Kim Il Sung laid down a revolutionary line of organizing and unfolding anti-Japanese armed struggle. It was from his conviction that only an organized armed struggle guided by the Marxist-Leninist strategy and tactics and based on the broad mass basis could repulse the most heinous and piratic Japanese imperialist invaders and achieve the national liberation.

After his release from the Chilin prison in the spring of 1930 Comrade Kim Il Sung launched an active struggle for realizing this far-reaching plan.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"In the obtaining situation it was an inevitable requirement for the progress of the struggle of the Korean people for liberation to develop and generalize the form of violent mass struggle and go over to an organized armed struggle. And this requirement was met by the Korean Communists."

At the Sungkiang meeting held in the autumn of 1931 he made an intelligent analysis of the internal and external situation and especially the revolutionary situation rapidly changing owing to the Japanese imperialists' invasion of northeast China and stressed that all people should take up arms and fight against the Japanese imperialist invaders. And at the Mingyuehkou meeting convened in November of the same year he put forth a new line of organizing and waging in vast areas the anti-Japanese armed struggle in the form of guerilla warfare on the basis of the line of an armed struggle already laid down.

The line of the anti-Japanese armed struggle set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung for the first time in the history of the Korean people was the only correct line for actively advancing the revolution and accelerating its final victory under the then conditions in which the fascist suppression by Japanese imperialism was intensified as never before and even the slightest possibility of lawful activities obliterated.

This was the most revolutionary line permeated with patriotism, a line of creative application of Marxism-Leninism to the specific conditions of our country, and lessons of the international communist movement and the lawful requirements of the national-liberation struggle in colonies.

Having set forth this line Comrade Kim Il Sung indicated the most scientific and revolutionary ways for its implementation. Then he personally endeavoured to put the line into practice.

In order to unfold the anti-Japanese armed struggle, he taught, an anti-Japanese guerilla army should be founded, the anti-Japanese united front formed with the Chinese anti-Japanese units as well as the Communists in the neighbouring country and the mass basis further expanded and developed.

While bringing up the Communists who would become the backbone of a guerilla army, Comrade Kim Il Sung actively promoted in person the preparations for the founding of a guerilla army in vast areas and dispatched political workers to underground organizations in various regions and led them to build up armed forces. In the meantime he directly guided the work for securing weapons.

On the basis of such meticulous preparations Comrade Kim Il Sung founded on April 25, 1932 the glorious Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army, the first Marxist-Leninist revolutionary armed forces of the Korean people, with the progressive workers and peasants and patriotic youths, the nuclei of which was those members of the Korean Revolutionary Army, the Korean Young Communist League and the Anti-Japanese Youth League whom he had reared for long year. And he proclaimed its founding to the world.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said in regard to the nature of the founded Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army:

"The anti-Japanese guerillas established such traditions of fighting spirit of struggling not for the landlords and capitalists but for the interests of the working people, and always living and fighting together with the people. The ideas of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army were the Marxist-Leninist ideas and its aim was to oppose imperialism and struggle for the establishment of a people's power championing the interests of the working people."

The anti-Japanese guerillas were not only combatants who, armed with the great idea of *Juche* of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Marxist-Leninist ideas, fought against the enemy, but also political propagandists who educated the people, organizing and mobilizing them to the revolutionary struggle.

With the founding of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army, our people came to have their own genuine revolutionary army for the first time in their history and the internal forces of the Korean revolution were more firmly built up.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"Under the leadership of the Communists our revolutionary workers and peasants organized and unfolded an armed struggle against Japanese imperialism, thus elevating the struggle of the Korean people for national liberation to a new stage. The anti-Japanese guerilla warfare was a higher form of struggle of the revolutionary armed force against the counter-revolutionary one, and it dealt one crushing blow after another to the Japanese imperialist aggressors, forcefully encouraging and stimulating all other forms of struggle of the masses."

Thanks to the founding of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army and the launching of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle and the communist movement in our country developed onto a new, higher stage.

The founding of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army also set a living example for an anti-fascist, anti-colonial struggle of the communists in various countries and the revolutionary people the world over when fascism raised its head on an international scale and its danger increased throughout the world.

The close combination of the anti-Japanese armed struggle with the communist movement, working-class struggle and other revolutionary struggle of the masses of people in our country made it possible to forcefully arouse the masses of people to the revolutionary struggle.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, holding fast to the stand of *Juche*, mapped out and put forth correct, independent political lines and original strategy and tactics at each stage of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and led the guerillas and the people to victory.

The line of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the line of building revolutionary armed forces, the line of founding the Party, the line of the people's revolutionary government, the line of anti-imperialist united national front and the line of anti-imperialist united front—all these lines worked out by Comrade Kim Il Sung in the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle clearly indicated ways for the restoration of the fatherland and for the victory of the Korean revolution.

Proceeding from the constantly changing and developing revolutionary situation and complex revolutionary tasks, in organizing and leading the anti-Japanese armed struggle he tackled with originality and in a masterly way a series of strategic and tactical problems such as the general aims of the armed struggle and its tasks in each period, the selection of the areas for military actions, the establishment and fortification of the guerilla bases, the choice of the forms of guerilla warfare fitting in with the revolutionary tasks ahead and the expansion and reinforcement of the guerilla ranks. This enabled the Guerilla Army to win great victory in every battle.

Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung the Korean Communists trusted and relied only on the strength of the Korean people in organizing and unfolding the revolutionary struggle, thoroughly rejecting the idea of reliance upon outside forces from the first days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and resolutely smashing the desperate moves of flunkeyists and great power chauvinists.

In fact, the anti-Japanese armed struggle itself was a brilliant embodiment of Comrade Kim Il Sung's great idea of *Juche* and its victory meant the triumph of his great idea of *Juche*.

The 15-year-long anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and unfolded under the guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung was a great revolutionary struggle which led the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle of the Korean people to a victorious end. It established the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party and performed immortal revolutionary exploits which would go down in the history of the fatherland.

In the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and led by Comrade Kim Il Sung were created living examples of such communist revolutionary spirit and lofty revolutionary traits of true communists as the great idea of *Juche*, revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, the boundless fidelity to the revolution and the Leader, the unyielding revolutionary spirit and revolutionary constancy, the principled unity and revolutionary comradeship, the revolutionary sense of duty, and socialist patriotism and proletarian internationalism.

The anti-Japanese guerillas established the unswerving system of unitary ideology—to arm themselves firmly with the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, make their bones and flesh of the lines and policies, orders and directives put forth by him, champion and implement them unconditionally and guard Comrade Kim Il Sung with their lives.

This system of unitary ideology constitutes the most important content of the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party.

In the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, too, progressive workers and peasants and patriotic youths and students were brought up and trained under the parental care of Comrade Kim Il Sung into seasoned Communists and into revolutionary soldiers unboundedly faithful to him, and the Marxist-Leninist purity of the communist movement was firmly safeguarded and an iron-like unity and cohesion of the revolutionary ranks were

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Traditional Korean painting "Comrade Kim Il Sung Proclaiming the Founding of the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army"

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achieved.

In the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle the organizational and ideological basis for the founding of a Marxist-Leninist party was firmly laid and the most precious experiences were accumulated in all spheres of revolutionary struggle—the founding of a people's power, the establishment of the people's armed forces, the anti-imperialist united national front movement and anti-imperialist united front movement.

In the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle were established the traditions of the popular style of work and revolutionary method of work of always sharing life and death, joys and sorrows with the people and living, working and fighting, maintaining kindred ties with the masses of people.

The anti-Japanese armed struggle of the Korean people was of great historic significance in the development of the revolutionary movement of our country.

It marked a radical turn in the development of the revolutionary movement in our country and dealt a decisive blow to the Japanese imperialists' colonial rule over Korea and expedited their defeat, thereby achieving the liberation of the fatherland.

The anti-Japanese armed struggle also decisively turned the balance of class forces in favour of the revolution, firmly built up the internal forces of the Korean revolution and led the revolutionary movement of the Korean people to a great upsurge as a whole.

The anti-Japanese armed struggle was a glorious struggle which culminated in the victory of the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle of our country, and opened up a broad path for the future development of the Korean revolution. It was also a great struggle which laid firm historic roots of our Party.

It was a source of great inspiration to the development of anti-imperialist national-liberation movement of the peoples in colonies and dependent countries of the world. And the precious exploits and experiences gained in the course of this struggle made a great contribution to the development of the national-liberation struggle of the peoples in colonial and dependent countries.

Our people have converted their country into a socialist power and keep bringing about a great upsurge in the revolution and construction, demonstrating the honour of "Chollima Korea" to the whole world.

It is simply because they inherited the brilliant revolutionary traditions established in the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle. This success also is attributable to the fact that they thoroughly implemented Comrade Kim Il Sung's great idea of *Juche* and the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence, its embodiment.

Hong Rae Hi

Full-length Documentary Film

"THE LEADER IS ALWAYS WITH US"

The Korean Documentary Film Studio recently produced a full-length documentary "The Leader Is Always with Us."

This film shows high virtues and profound care of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, for our people since the country's liberation up to date.

The film gives an impressive picture of the lofty virtues of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who restored the fatherland by organizing and leading a 15-year-long bloody anti-Japanese armed struggle and who has shown an unstinted, profound affection for our people since the country's liberation, putting his whole heart and soul and energies into the gigantic work of building a new, prosperous state, an earthly paradise for the people, oblivious of rest and sleep.

The film starts with scenes symbolizing the indestructible unity and cohesion of our people closely rallied around the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and showing our proud fatherland which stands in the East like a giant, shedding its rays on the whole world.

Then there appear on the screen prosperous "Chollima Korea" and the portrait of the Leader respectfully hung on the wall of a bright room.

The fatherly Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who regained this fatherland of today for the Korean people and brought them this happiness and glory of today!

History of mankind does not know yet any other nations which changed society, nature and man so drastically in a short time of two decades.

This was made possible only by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the most prominent Leader of revolution in our era, who possesses great revolutionary ideas, outstanding art of leadership and lofty virtues.

On the screen appears the road near to Mangyongdae dear to the hearts of the 40 million Korean people. The scene refreshes the audience's memory of the year (early October 1945) when the country was liberated.

Comrade Kim Il Sung had many places to visit and many people to meet, having returned home after 20 year's absence. Especially Mangyongdae is his dear native place he never forgot for a day for 20 years after he left it even in the snow storm of the north raging over the thick forests. But the Leader who always places above his personal joy the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people first went by this road to meet the working class of the Kangson Steel Plant without dropping in at his native place within calling distance.

How great the joy of the working class at the Kangson Steel Plant over meeting the Leader that day was!

How many farm villages the Leader, who thus met first the workers of the steel plant, visited across hills after his triumphal return home to give land to the peasants and make them legitimate masters of the country!

He sometimes called on the peasants and told them about the land reform in their thatched houses. And he, though busy guiding state affairs, personally went down to many farm villages to give guidance after the historic law on the land reform was made public, so that the land reform might be carried out correctly in line with the wishes of the peasants.

People see the Leader everywhere. They saw yesterday him rice-planting in the field together with the peasants and see today him taking up the first shovel for the nature-remaking in our country.

The audience are deeply moved each time the Leader appears on the screen.

There were many ordeals and difficulties in our way after the country's liberation. But whenever we met with them, he taught with a paternal affection what we did not know and tackled what we took pains with and led us along one road of victory giving us fresh courage.

Under his wise leadership our people carried out splendidly the tasks of anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution set by him with no vacillation under the complex situation prevailing following the country's liberation and vigorously marched step by step along the socialist path.

But there came trying ordeals of the war started by the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys.

The film in the part dealing with the war time provides an impressive description of Comrade Kim Il Sung, military strategist genius and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, who, shouldering the heavy burden of the war as the Supreme Commander, would frequently go to instil in soldiers giant strength and courage and rouse the workers and peasants throughout the country to the struggle for wartime production and preparations for the post-war rehabilitation and construction of the national economy.

In the days of rigorous ordeals deciding the destiny of the fatherland he visited many places on the front and in the rear, inspired the soldiers and people there with conviction of sure victory and hope for triumphant morrow, and reared all our people into patriots or heroes.

For his such paternal affection for them, officers and men of the People's Army rushed at the loophole of the enemy's pillbox in the sea of flame where rocks were reduced to rubbles, shouting aloud "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!" and defended every hill of the fatherland and, each and every tree and grass of the country with their lives; the people, steeled into stauncher revolutionaries in the thick of the war, defeated the U.S. imperialists, brought them to their knees for the first time in the world and thus started them going downhill.

Then the screen unfolds moving scenes showing Comrade Kim Il Sung always in the midst of the people. He acquaints them with the Party's intention and line and the country's situation, gives them strength and courage and confidence in the postwar days when our people were living through harsh trials or when he planned a fresh upsurge in socialist construction and steadfastly led our people to fighting upholding to the end the banner of revolution in whatever adversity.

Nothing was left unscathed in this land after the war.

When our people did not know where and how to begin in war ruins, Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a clear-cut answer to this question. He set forth the basic line of economic construction, a line of giving priority to the growth of heavy industry with simultaneous development of light industry and agriculture.

How many construction sites the Leader visited day and night in the hard postwar days when our people were stepping up rehabilitation and construction in response to the great call of the Leader, tightening their belts! How many times he examined blueprints and taught how to work out them in those days! He called on without previous notice members of the youth shock-brigade laying the powerful foundation of socialism and warmly clasped their hands soiled with mud unhesitatingly. He visited spark-flying construction sites at night and inspired the workers there to construction talking about the hopeful future when a new life is in bloom.

Soberly dressed, the Premier had a talk with peasants in the courtyard of a farm house. He went down to a small farm-implements repair workshop and roused the workers there to the production of tractors telling them about the bright prospect of mechanized farming.

It was thanks to such meticulous guidance and warm care of Comrade Kim Il Sung that such deep-going social change as agricultural co-operativization could be carried out successfully in our country in a matter of 4-5 years.

The film gives a graphic picture of Comrade Kim Il Sung who personally went to meet the working class of the Kangson Steel Plant and inaugurated the historic, world-startling Chollima movement among them when the Korean revolution was going through trying ordeals internally and externally.

Having kindled the flame of the Chollima movement at the Kangson Steel Plant, the Leader went to even nameless ports and remote mountain villages to meet people, have talks with the old people and thus rouse the whole country and all people to an all-round upsurge in socialist construction.

All things appearing on the screen—the molten iron flowing out of the blast furnace No. 2 of the Hwanghae Iron Works, the world's first-class February 8 Vinalon Factory, the big ore dressing centre of a mine in the northern mountain range, big chemical fibre mills, modern textile mills and co-operative fields overflowing with irrigation water—are precious fruits of the Leader's wise guidance.

The latter part of the film gives a vivid portrayal of Comrade Kim Il Sung who is putting his whole heart and soul into making our people including workers and peasants live a bountiful, cultured life and bringing happiness not only to the present generation but the coming generations.

The spectators are deeply moved especially by the profound care of the respected and beloved Leader who has paid deep attention to solving radically the problems of food, clothing and housing since the war up to date.

The film also shows impressively the Leader who looks after bereaved families of revolutionaries, the war dead and those killed by the enemy during the war with an infinitely profound paternal affection, who loves the servicemen and honoured wounded soldiers that fought for the Party and the country at the risk of their lives, who values scientists, men of culture and artists and reared them into Red intellectuals boundlessly true to the revolutionary cause of the working class, who regards the rising generation to shoulder the future of the fatherland and revolution as the precious treasure of the country and rears them as reliable reserves of communist construction and shows great care for them, who directs warm solicitude to Koreans in Japan and all other overseas compatriots.

Before the eyes of the spectators full of boundless happiness and pride appear the columns of demonstrating masses shouting *Manse* ((hurrah) at the top of their voice with deep emotion looking up at Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements.

The full-length documentary "The Leader Is Always with Us" deeply moves the audience for the ardent love for and devoted service to the fatherland and people of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who has devoted his all to the revolutionary cause of the working class, his warm love for his revolutionary comrades and lofty revolutionary sense of duty and for his lofty virtue as the Leader of the people who is infinitely benevolent, generous, modest and simple.

Ji Ryong Cha

Comrade Kim Il Sung giving on-the-spot guidance to the Hwanghae Iron Works

Comrade Kim Il Sung having a talk with farmers in the Wonhwa village, Sunan county

Traditional Trait of Unity between Army and People Is in Bloom

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung always stresses earnestly the necessity of displaying more fully the traditional trait of unity between the army and the people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"To defend the country is the work of defending the socialist gains won by our people and our base of revolution; it is the most sacred duty and honourable task for the whole people. The People's Army should serve the fatherland and the people, and the whole people should love and aid the People's Army; the armymen and the people should further display the traditional spirit of unity of the army and the people and, in case of emergency, closely unite into one as true revolutionary comrades and fight with single-hearted devotion to safeguard our fatherland and our gains of socialism sharing life and death, sweets and bitters."

This trait took shape in the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and waged under the direct guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Korean revolution, and is the source of the invincible might of our People's Army, a revolutionary army, and the Korean people and a guarantee of our victory.

Upholding the teaching of the respected and beloved Leader, our People's Armymen and people are further displaying the revolutionary spirit of loving and helping each other and are ready to mercilessly wipe out the U.S. imperialist aggressors, united as one, in case the enemy ignites a war.

The servicemen of the Red Flag unit of the Korean People's Army to which Comrade Han Song Gyu belongs were stationed in a village. Upon their arrival at the village, the commanding personnel went to the office of the *ri* Party committee and learned about the on-the-spot instructions given by the respected and beloved Leader to the co-op farm there and about their implementation to tell all the servicemen.

The servicemen of the unit, keeping in close touch with the *ri* Party committee, went into among the co-operative farmers and gave them political and labour assistance so that they might implement more thoroughly the Leader's on-the-spot instructions. Especially, they strove to promote the class awakening of families of the revolutionary martyrs and servicemen and help them in setting an example in the carrying through of Comrade Premier's on-the-spot instructions.

This co-operative farm owes its success much to the political and labour assistance rendered by the servicemen of this Red Flag unit who always place the interests of the people above anything else. The on-the-spot instructions of Comrade Premier have been thoroughly implemented at this farm, with the result that a great turn has taken place in agricultural production and the people there have come to be better off.

The servicemen of the Red Flag unit to which Comrade Li Chang Gun belongs, too, always love and respect people and go into among the people to give them a helping hand in their work, explain Party policies to them and further promote their class awakening. Recently five men of this unit including Comrade Kuk Il Hwan went to a neighbouring village to carry out their assigned task. They stayed there for five days. They volunteered to help the villagers, saying: "At a time when the co-operative farmers are so busy that they work day and night, how can we, armymen serving the people, remain passive onlookers!" They discharged their military task in the daytime and at night, they worked together with the co-operative farmers far into the night conducting political work among them. Moved by the deeds of the servicemen, the co-operative farmers there did in the five days ten days' work. And when the armymen were leaving the village, many a people went out to the entrance to the village and saw them off reluctantly like their own sons.

Such examples are to be found everywhere our army units stay.

Our servicemen share sweets and bitters with the people and readily go through fire and water to protect the lives and properties of the people.

One day when the engine boat No. 1185 was in a port in the West Sea, its cable was cut and it began to drift out of the port. Servicemen Yu Shin Gil jumped into the sea and combated with waves single-handed for 12 hours to save the boat. Soldier Kim Jong Rip saw two children in an ice-hole while driving a truck, jumped into the deep water at the risk of his life and saved the children.

Such lofty spirit of unity between the army and the people can be displayed only by the Korean People's Armymen who fight for the good of the fatherland and the people, upholding the lofty will of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the fatherly Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

In the same way the people love the armymen.

People call the servicemen staying in their villages "Our soldiers" and love them like their flesh and blood; when they prepare special food or pick fresh fruits or when it is cold, they first think of the servicemen standing guard over the defence line of the fatherland.

Here is a moving story about the unity of the army and the people.

Kim Sun Yong, a soldier of an army unit, suffered a serious burn while carrying out his military task and was hospitalized.

When the people of the nearby co-operative farm, men and women and young and old, heard that he was in a critical condition from the serious burn, smile disappeared from them and their faces clouded with deep anxiety.

Their hearts beat with one thought—"We should restore the soldier at any cost to enable him to stand on the outpost again!"

The army hospital did its best, applying good medicines to him and providing him with highly nutritious foods.

The people who regard the servicemen as their flesh and blood, on their part, did their utmost. Old man Choi Bong Gang went to the hospital with the eggs he had collected one by one to hatch out chickens; a woman by the name of Kim Jung Hwa made a night trip to get the first picking of strawberries for the soldier; and a woman named Kim Gum Ju made green-bean jelly saying that it is good for the person who had burn. Primary school girl Kim Sun Bok picked a basketful of palatable plums from the plum-tree in her yard and carried them to the hospital for the soldier. Such moving stories are too many to cite. Thousands of people in the neighbouring co-operative farms, men and women, old and young, showed deep concern for the soldier.

When the second and third skin graftings were conducted, the people here, together with servicemen, gave even their flesh and blood to the patient. The patient was thus cured of the burn thanks to the efforts and warm love of servicemen and people. This is a story about the warm love for our servicemen of our people loving and aiding with all their might the servicemen who are their sons and daughters and defend with their lives our socialist fatherland and the happiness of the people against the encroachment of the enemies.

The traditional trait of unity between the army and the people now in full bloom is a manifestation of the revolutionary spirit of our People's Army and people to carry, united as one, the Korean revolution to completion under the guidance of the great Leader, and an expression of the firm determination of our people to wipe out the enemies with a united might wherever the U.S. imperialist aggressors may invade us and safeguard all gains of the revolution and uphold the dignity of the nation.

No force on earth can break this might of the army and people who fight, closely united like one man as revolutionary comrades.

Should the U.S. imperialist aggressors dare to ignite a new war, they will not escape the final ruin in face of the heroic war of resistance of the Korean People's Army and people who are united as invincible forces.

Kim Ryong Bok

Women in Various Parts of Our Country Learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, an Indomitable Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Fighter and Ardent Communist

Today the entire women and mothers of our country are making a deep study of the lofty revolutionary spirit and noble revolutionary traits of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, Mother of Korea, on the occasion of her 77th birthday which falls on April 21.

Women organizations in various parts of our country are helping their members to study and learn from the arduous yet glorious revolutionary activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, the wife of a revolutionary, the mother of a revolutionary and a fighter for the emancipation of women.

In this, various forms and methods are employed. The "Room for the Study of the Revolutionary History of Comrade Kim Il Sung," and "Mothers' School" greatly help women to study Mrs. Kang Ban Sok's revolutionary activities. The visit to revolutionary sites and film show deepen their study.

Some time ago there was a lecture meeting at the "Mothers' School" of the 4th primary women's organization in the residential quarters of the mine where Comrade Jong Ho Sik works.

Kim Sang Suk gave a lecture on the noble life of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok. She said:

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was born on April 21, 1892 as the second daughter of Mr. Kang Don Uk in Chilgol, Ha-ri, Ryongsan sub-county, Daedong county, South Pyongan Province.

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok who was born into a revolutionary family and possessed the lofty moral traits, had a strong hatred for the Japanese imperialists through education in patriotism and anti-Japanese ideas in her home and possessed unusual character and disposition from her early days.

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was married to Mr. Kim Hyong Jik. As the eldest daughter-in-law of a large family, she took upon herself all the domestic duties, but did all she could to help Mr. Kim Hyong Jik in his revolutionary activities.

Cherishing the high pride of being the wife of a revolutionary, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok helped in all sincerity the energetic revolutionary activities of Mr. Kim Hyong Jik and his comrades-in-arms in Kangdong, Junggang, Linkiang, Pataokou and other areas, going through all sorts of hardships.

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok not only energetically helped the revolutionary activities of Mr. Kim Hyong Jik but also remained all her life as a woman revolutionary, the lecturer pointed out, and went on:

She organized and guided the Women's Association and, from the spring of 1928, she worked as Chairman of the Women's Association in the Baeksan area, Fusung.

In broad areas Mrs. Kang Ban Sok educated women in patriotism and awakened them politically and inspired them to the struggle against Japanese imperialism.

Then the lecturer explained in detail how Mrs. Kang Ban Sok educated her children to possess patriotic spirit, revolutionary principles and strong will.

The lecturer cited the following facts to prove the strong will of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok and her lofty features, rigidness and resoluteness and her love for her son.

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok educating members of the Women's Association in the anti-Japanese ideas

One day Comrade Kim Il Sung who had been studying in his native village heard the news that his father was again arrested by the Japanese imperialist police and returned to Pataokou on foot covering a 1,000 *ri* long distance at the young age of 14. On the very evening of her son's arrival, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok made him leave for Linkiang with his little brothers so that they might evade police surveillance.

Following Mr. Kim Hyong Jik's will to give middle school education to Comrade Kim Il Sung at all costs, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok saved every penny by doing needlework and washing for others to raise school expenses for Comrade Kim Il Sung.

One day at the early stage of organizing an armed detachment, Comrade Kim Il Sung dropped in at his house because of his concern about his mother who was ill in bed. Comrade Kim Il Sung said to his mother that he was going to conduct big unit operations and concerned about his sick mother after his departure. Hearing this, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok said: "You need not worry about me. When you go and do well in your revolutionary struggle, I may get well."

Here is another story: She was stern to her son, but out of her concern about her son who was going a long way, she spread her own braided hair in the bottom of her son's shoes!...

These moving stories deeply touched the hearts of the attendants. They made a resolve to be boundlessly faithful to the Leader to the end modelling after the lofty revolutionary spirit and noble revolutionary traits of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok.

Jo Son Won

"We Will Follow Example of Revolutionary and Progressive Mother Like Mrs. Kang Ban Sok in a Struggle for Building a New Society"

Revolutionary Peoples of the World Highly Praise Revolutionary Life and Activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok is a faithful wife of a revolutionary, who did all she could to assist Mr. Kim Hyong Jik, an indomitable anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter, in his revolutionary activities, and the mother who bore and brought up Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and an ardent revolutionary who fought devotedly for the restoration of the fatherland and the emancipation of women.

The life of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok replete with her patriotic and revolutionary activities is, indeed, a brilliant example and paragon for all women.

That is why the revolutionary peoples of the world have a feeling of boundless reverence for Mrs. Kang Ban Sok and are unstinting in their praise of her revolutionary life and activities.

Ceylonese paper **Daily Mirror** wrote:

"The whole life of Mother Kang Ban Sok was a life of the greatest mother who bore and brought up the Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and a life of devotion to her husband, a revolutionary, and to her son, a revolutionary; a life of an ardent revolutionary fighter who, herself, pushed her way through the thorny path of the revolution."

Indonesian paper **Duta Masjarakat** wrote in its article:

"Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was born into a family of fighters who struggled against foreign invaders. She not only did all she could to assist Mr. Kim Hyong Jik, an indomitable anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter, in his revolutionary activities and devoted herself to the revolutionary movement for the country's restoration and the emancipation of women but also brought up Comrade Kim Il Sung into the great Leader, the Leader of the Korean people."

The Congolese(B) paper **Brazzaville** said in its article:

"The whole life of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was dedicated to the struggle against all that were old and for the creation of the new. Everything in her life and activities was linked with struggle...

"Her brilliant life and activities provide a shining example of life and struggle to us women showing how to help one's husband making the revolution, how to bring up one's children, with what respect one should treat one's parents-in-law and how to revolutionize one's family.

"She was good-natured and benevolent to her family and the people. But when it came to fighting the enemy, she was dauntless.

"She devoted to the struggle wholly for the restoration of the country and the emancipation of women, not for her own honour and glory of her family.

"Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was, indeed, an outstanding forerunner of the women's movement in Korea and, at the same time, a model of the sagacious and valiant Korean women and honest-minded women of the world."

An article of Pakistani paper **Daily News** pointed to the revolutionary activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, and said:

"She was an outstanding political figure and a fighter for the emancipation of women...

"Mrs. Kang Ban Sok always thought of the Korean revolution even on a sick-bed and fought for it.

"She remained all her life as the true wife of Mr. Kim Hyong Jik, a revolutionary, the mother of revolutionary, who bore and brought up Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and an ardent and outstanding fighter for the emancipation of women in Korea.

"The glorious revolutionary life of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok and her valuable exploits and patriotism will be immortal."

A Malian woman public figure said:

"Mrs. Kang Ban Sok is a model of the Malian women, Asian and African women and all the peace-loving progressive women of the world and we will follow the example of the revolutionary and progressive mother like Mrs. Kang Ban Sok in a struggle for buildnig a new society."

The head of the organisation of the Palestinian women said that Mrs. Kang Ban Sok is not only the Mother of Korea but also the Mother of all of us, and pointed out:

"The revolutionary life of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok is an excellent example of the Korean women and the fighting Palestinian women."

Phutusouapolus, Chairman of the Namibian (South West Africa) Women's Union, said in her statement:

"We respect Mrs. Kang Ban Sok. Because she was the mother of great Premier Kim Il Sung, and was born into a great, revolutionary family.

"For her devotion to the revolution with ardent love for the people, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok showed an example to the women of the world who love freedom.

"The firm resolve and great spirit of resistance shown by her when Mr. Kim Hyong Jik, her husband, was arrested by the Japanese imperialists in the grim days of Japanese imperialist rule, inspire not only the Korean women but the oppressed women of the whole world.

"Her great revolutionary history inspires us Namibian women to a new stage of revolution.

"She was, indeed, a great woman revolutionary."

On the Results of Fulfilment of the 1968 State Budget and on the 1969 State Budget

Report of Comrade Yun Gi Bok, Finance Minister,

Delivered at the Third Session of Fourth SPA of the DPRK

Comrade Yun Gi Bok, Minister of Finance, delivered a report "on the results of the fulfilment of the 1968 state budget and on the 1969 state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" at the Third Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on April 24.

Beginning his report, the Finance Minister said that this year's state budget being discussed under the circumstances in which the entire working people are accelerating economic construction and defence upbuilding more energetically along the road of victory indicated by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and the U.S. imperialists were becoming all the more unscrupulous in their drive for the provocation of a new war.

The U.S. imperialists are madly raising a new war clamour after they committed a hostile espionage act on April 15 by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of our country, but they can never frighten our people who are firmly determined to smash thoroughly the act of the enemy encroaching upon our sovereignty, not fearing death, he said.

The statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on April 23, the reporter stressed, is now greeted by the entire Korean people with unanimous and enthusiastic support, because it reflects the unshakable determination and burning fighting spirit of our people who have not committed aggression on any country or provoked anyone first from ancient times and who will never allow anyone to insult or provoke us and will answer the "retaliation" of the aggressors with retaliation and a total war with a total war to defend their beloved socialist fatherland and the gains of revolution won at the cost of blood.

And the statement is actively supported by all the revolutionary people and peace-loving people of the world, because of the staunch anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. stand and peace-loving desire contained in it, he added.

In the first part of the report, the Finance Minister referred to the results of the fulfilment of the state budget for 1968.

Last year, he said, was a year of great victory full of a good many events of tremendous significance in the revolutionary cause and construction work of our country.

He pointed to the fact that our people, holding aloft the great Ten-Point Political Programme put forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, took a giant stride forward last year in all fields of socialist construction by giving powerful spurs to the grand march of Chollima and demonstrated to the whole world the invincible vitality of our Party's revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence and the immovable revolutionary stand of our people, and the flames of the anti-U.S. national-salvation struggle blazed ever fiercer in South Korea.

Last year shines brilliantly in history especially as the year when the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Republic were held with splendour amid the high political enthusiasm of our people and the justness of our revolutionary cause and its great victory were demonstrated at home and abroad and as the year when Comrade Kim Il Sung made public the report "The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is the banner of freedom and independence for our people and the powerful weapon of building socialism and communism," a great Marxist-Leninist document of our times brightly lighting the road of the building of socialism and communism before our people and clearly indicating the path of victory of the cause of the Korean revolution and world revolution.

Noting that greater energy than had been expected in the plan had to be thrown into defence upbuilding last year in face of the frantic war clamour of the U.S. imperialists, and to this a number of economic difficulties were added, such as a severe drought rare in history and the subsequent strain in electric power, the reporter said: But our people, united as one around the Party and Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, increased industrial production at a high rate of 15 per cent and reaped an unprecedentedly bumper harvest in the production of grain and all other agricultural produce.

He went on:

This brilliant success made by our people last year amid the great revolutionary upsurge mounting ever higher, eloquently demonstrates the decisive superiority of the socialist economy which advances uninterruptedly and develops at a steady high rate. As Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us, this "...**testifies to the sheer fallacy of the theory that in socialist society the reserves for increased production diminish gradually and production cannot be kept rising at a high rate as the economy develops and its scale expands**".

The state budget also was fulfilled with success last year in conformity with the rapid development of the national economy.

The state budgetary revenue last year rose to 122 per cent compared with the previous year, with the further concentration on the state budget of the financial resources rapidly swelling in step with the sharp growth of production.

It was thanks to such marked rise in the revenue of the state budget that we could fully ensure the funds necessary for improving the people's livelihood, while energetically pushing ahead with economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, and the expenditure of the state budget augmented to 122 per cent last year as against the previous year.

Thus, the revenue in last year's state budget surpassed expenditure by 210,810,000 won after fully meeting all the demands for funds.

According to the basic direction of the economic development of our country on undertaking new capital construction on a large scale for further expanding the economic foundation of the country while putting main stress on making an effective use of the economic assets already secured and normalizing production, a vast amount of funds accounting for 48.9 per cent of the total expenditure was disbursed in the state budget last year for the development of the national economy and a big portion of it went to capital construction, the reporter said.

As a result, in power industry, the construction of gigantic thermal and hydraulic power plants

was stepped up on a large scale, the existing power plants were further readjusted and reinforced and the construction of medium and small-scale power stations also went ahead successfully, further consolidating the power bases of the country.

In mining industry, a great number of new cutting faces were prepared and the commissioning of new large mines was ensured with the appropriation for this domain of 40.2 per cent of the investment in heavy industry construction last year for a more satisfactory operation of the first process of industry. And the working people in coal industry were the first to scale with honour the height of the Seven-Year Plan.

For the rapid development of metal industry, capital construction funds 1.7 times the figure of 1967 went to this domain last year and thus the existing iron and steel works were reconstructed and expanded and the construction of new ferrous metallurgical works was pushed ahead in a big way.

Consequently, the metallurgical base of the country has been further consolidated, the production of iron and steel and various nonferrous metals needed for economic construction and defence upbuilding has shown a marked rise and the independence of the metal industry of our country has become all the more pronounced.

For the development of the engineering industry, the core of heavy industry and the basis of technical development in all branches of the national economy, the Party and the Government paid out last year huge capital construction funds 2.3 times the 1967 figure and newly built the youth electric machine factory and other big-scale modern machine building factories and widely undertook the work of building up medium and small-scale engineering factories and branch factories, the reporter said.

Last year also, the reporter said, a colossal investment was made in the chemical industry and the urea factory was expanded twice as big as the previous scale and the expansion of vinalon, chemical fibre, synthetic resin and tyre factories and construction of the oil refinery were vigorously stepped up and the production of phosphorous and molecular fertilizers with home raw materials increased, the qualitative composition of the chemical fertilizers was improved, and a substantial rise was witnessed in the production of various agricultural chemicals including weedkillers, and other chemical products.

For satisfactorily meeting the growing demand for building material of wide variety, including cement, capital construction fund 1.8 times that in 1967 was allocated to this domain.

Last year, in light industry, the construction of new, modern, large-scale textile factories made headway vigorously and the construction of no small number of light industrial factories was completed. Besides, the construction of a large number of new factories made progress and existing light industrial factories were reconstructed and expanded, and various fishing boats including big-size ships and fishing tackle were supplied in greater number and thus the material and technical foundations of fisheries were consolidated all the more, the reporter stressed.

He went on:

Even under such complicated and difficult situation as last year, we built with our own efforts so many modern, large-scale factories in a single year, and we are carrying on the technical revolution with home-made modern machines and equipment and rapidly improving the people's livelihood day by day with high-quality goods produced at our factories. This is entirely attributable to the outstanding leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who put forth the correct line of building an independent national economy and has led our people to the prosperity and development of today along this course.

Referring to the enormous success made in the rural economy last year with the powerful assistance of industry, the reporter stated: Last year, the Party and the Government increased the investment in capital construction in this realm 1.3 times compared with 1967 and rendered great state assistance to the co-operative farmers in their striving for increased grain production.

The reporter continued:

Upholding whole-heartedly the "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country" authored by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and the instructions given by him at the national meeting of agricultural workers, the entire agricultural working people, with the powerful support of the state, waged a vigorous movement for increasing the per-*jongbo* grain output by 500 kg. and they performed the wonders of raising the grain output again by 11 per cent last year, overcoming an unprecedented drought, compared with 1967 in which a jump of 16 per cent was recorded in grain output despite the severe damages from a big flood.

In the past five years since the publication of the Theses, the Government of the Republic has allotted 21 per cent of the state investment in capital construction in the national economy to the rural economy and rendered a huge amount of financial assistance to the co-operative farms, he said.

The reporter pointed to the fact that with the energetic introduction of irrigation, electrification, mechanization and chemicalization in the rural economy, the world's most developed irrigation system has been established and electricity found its way to 100 per cent of rural villages and 91.2 per cent of the entire peasant households and the number of tractors per 100 *jongbo* of arable land reached 1.22 (in terms of 15 h.p. unit) as of the end of last year and the amount of chemical fertilizers applied per *jongbo* also rose markedly in this period.

The reporter also noted that for the purpose of consolidating the economic foundations of co-operative farms and speedily improving the living of peasants, 9,680 storehouses and over 38,000 stables and many other productive establishments were built at state expense and handed over to the co-operative farms free of charge and 13,000 electric motors and hosts of other machines and installations were supplied gratis. And modern dwelling houses for 197,000 families and many cultural and welfare facilities were built at state expense, agricultural tax-in-kind was completely abolished, the charges for work done by farm machines were substantially reduced, the purchase prices of industrial crops raised and various kinds of materials for farming supplied at a cheap price.

Over the last five years since the publication of the Theses the additional benefits the co-operative farmers of our country received from the state thanks to new measures taken every year have amounted to 1,306,510,000 won and this means that every peasant household has received an additional benefit amounting to 1,200 won, the reporter remarked, and emphasized:

The epochal changes that have taken place in our countryside are a brilliant victory borne of the great vitality of the "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country" authored by Comrade Kim Il Sung who made an outstanding contribution to the creative development of Marxist-Leninist theory by brightly illumining the road leading the peasantry to communism.

Referring to the fact that last year the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic directed more efforts than ever before to increasing the defence capacities in view of the tense situation in which a war may break out again at any moment in our country owing to the frantic war manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists, the reporter pointed out that a huge fund, accounting for 32.4 per cent of the total state budgetary expenditure, 30 per cent greater than in the previous year, was disbursed as defence expenses.

The reporter went on:

With the thorough implementation of our Party's military line of self-defence whose main content is to train the whole army into a cadre army, modernize the whole army and place the entire people under arms and convert the whole country into a fortress, the heroic People's Army has grown and strengthened all the more as a revolutionary armed force each of whose members is a match for a hundred foes, boundlessly faithful to the Party

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Report of Finance Minister Yun Gi Bok

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and the Leader and firmly equipped with modern weapons and up-to-date military and technical materiels and a whole-state and whole-people defence system has been consolidated all the more.

Last year we once again demonstrated the powerful might of our revolutionary armed force and whole-people defence system by capturing the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" which intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Republic.

The reporter referred to the fact that our Party and Government which regard the enhancement of the people's livelihood as the supreme principle governing their activities disbursed a large amount of state funds to realize the great solicitude of the Party and the Leader for the people's living under the difficult conditions in which economic construction and defence upbuilding were pushed ahead in parallel.

Comrade Kim Il Sung who is always deeply concerned about solving more satisfactorily the problem of food for the people set up 21 new large-scale modern poultry farms and built up solid vegetable cultivation bases by introducing the water-spraying system into the vegetable fields.

Pointing out that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, always shows great solicitude for the students and children, the future of the fatherland and reserves of communist construction, the reporter said that under the tense situation last year, he provided the entire children and primary and middle school children with winter clothes, padded overcoats, winter caps, kerchiefs, winter shoes and socks at low prices next to nothing.

The reporter continued:

Last year the Party and the Government disbursed 20 per cent more social and cultural expenses than in 1967 to more satisfactorily meet the demands of the people's living.

Housing construction was carried on briskly with a huge state investment and 70 per cent more dwelling houses than in 1967 were newly provided to the working people.

The reporter noted that last year also the Party and the Government defrayed a colossal amount of funds for the education field to further consolidate the successes of the universal nine-year compulsory technical education and the working people received greater benefit of free education from the state, and more funds than envisaged in the plan were allotted to the field of public health so that the working people might enjoy the benefit of universal free medical service still more.

The reporter also pointed out that last year the government took measures for improving the guidance and management of the kindergartens and creches and increased the expenditure of funds for this field and thereby made it possible to bring up the children better and provide more conveniences to the working mothers who are participating in social labour.

The reporter stressed that all the successes made last year clearly show once again how incomparably superior the socialist system of our country is, how powerful our independent national economy is and how reliable and solid the socialist finance of our country based on it is.

The northern half of the Republic as a model of socialism has been converted into a paradise good to live in for the people, whereas South Korea under the occupation of the U.S. imperialists has been turned into the most corrupt and miserable colony and land of death and land of darkness for the people the reporter said, and went on:

The two different realities in North and South Korea find a concentric expression in the financial budget.

Last year the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, not content with earmarking nearly the whole of the budget of the puppet government for war preparations ran wild in raising war funds by cooking up the so-called "supplementary revised budget" three times and are imposing oversize spendings for military fascist suppression upon the South Korean people who are groaning in an untold misery of living.

The traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique intend this year to cover 82 per cent of this year's budgetary revenue with tax collection from the people, which is over two times that of last year, or 10.3 times that in 1961, the year when they seized power.

When miscellaneous taxes, forced labour for military purposes, "national bonds," forced savings and inflation are taken into consideration, the extortion through taxation by the puppet clique is, indeed, a harsh one, the precedent of which can be seen nowhere in the world.

In order to collect this huge amount of taxes, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are revising for the worse various tax laws, raising the tax rate and staging a murderous tax collection drive by wielding bayonets, and are wresting at random over 160 kinds of miscellaneous impositions.

The reporter pointed to the fact that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have placed the South Korean economy at the tender mercy of the U.S. and Japanese monopoly capital, with the result that the national economy of South Korea has gone totally bankrupt and the living of the South Korean people is sinking deeper into the inextricable depth of misery.

Noting that never in thousands of years of history of our country have our people lived so a miserable life going in rags and hungry and oppressed and trodden down as the South Korean people today, the reporter continued:

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught us: **"Where there are exploitation and oppression, there is always the revolutionary struggle of the people."**

Today the South Korean people entrust their destiny entirely to Comrade Kim Il Sung who has always led our people along the one road of victory and glory and brightly lights the road ahead of the South Korean revolution and clearly indicates the ways of struggle, looking up to him as the sun of the nation, and draw infinite strength and courage from the thriving and developing northern half of the Republic looking up to it as the banner of freedom and liberation and the beacon of their hope.

The South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people, boundlessly revering the Leader and taking his great revolutionary ideas as a weapon of struggle and following the great banner held aloft by him, are waging a dauntless struggle against the enemy in towns and villages, underground and in mountains, and even in prisons and at "courts" for crushing the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and for a new government, a new system and a new life.

The reporter stressed: With no amount of frenzy can the scoundrels ever break the indomitable fighting spirit of the South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people who are valiantly waging a life-and-death struggle for accomplishing their just cause.

Following the banner of struggle, the banner of victory, raised high by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, the entire people of North and South Korea will certainly liberate South Korea and accomplish the sacred cause of national unification in our generation, the reporter declared.

In the second part of the report, the Finance Minister referred to the state budget for 1969.

He said:

Today we are facing the honourable tasks for making a new advance in the struggle for the complete victory of socialism and accelerating the national unification and the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution, holding aloft the strategic lines advanced by Comrade Kim Il Sung in the report at the Conference of the Party, the great Ten-Point Political Programme and the report at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic.

This year's state budget has been so drafted as to firmly guarantee financially the work for scaling the major heights of the Seven-Year Plan, which are of decisive significance in the socialist construction of our country, and further increasing the defence capacity, improving the people's livelihood still more and preparing for large-scale nature-remaking projects to be undertaken in the future.

Reflecting this year's national economic plan which envisages a continued advance at a great speed on the basis of the essential superiority of the socialist system, we have set the total revenue and expenditure of the state budget respectively at 5,995,420,000 won.

With the great revolutionary upsurge of socialist construction mounting higher, the state budgetary revenue will show this year a growth of 19 per cent over last year and the share of the revenue from the socialist economy will reach 98.2 per cent.

On the basis of a sharp rise in the state budgetary revenue, the state budgetary expenditure will go up 24 per cent above last year.

This huge amount of fund is correctly appropriated for further enhancing the people's livelihood while ensuring a high tempo in extended reproduction and increase of the defence capacity.

In the state budget, to begin with, a vast amount of fund 27 per cent higher than last year, is earmarked for the development of the national economy, of which the capital construction fund is expected to climb 37 per cent over last year.

This year, too, primary attention will be paid to pushing power and mining industries ahead of other domains and the capital construction investments in this domain are set at 1.5 times that of last year.

The reporter went on:

This year the state will allocate capital construction fund 1.3 times that of last year to the metal industry to continuously reconstruct and expand a number of large-scale metallurgical works, go ahead with the construction of new iron and steel works and step up the preparations for building up our own light metal production base.

In this year's state budget 13.5 per cent of the investments in industrial construction is earmarked for engineering industry for the satisfactory production of equipment needed for the increase of the economic and defence potentials of the country.

The output of various machine-tools, automobiles, tractors, electric motors and generators will be markedly boosted, 1.5 to over 4 times, and, particularly, the output of large-size excavators, heavy-duty lorries, big tractors, large-size ships, big machine-tools, and other big-size machines and precision machines will jump sharply.

This year, 2.2 times as much fund as last year will be invested in the chemical industry for accelerating chemicalization in the national economy, particularly chemicalization of agriculture and further reinforcing the raw material bases of light industry by rapidly developing the chemical industry.

The existing chemical fertilizer factories and agricultural chemicals factories will be readjusted and reinforced and the expansion of the chemical fibre factories and other chemical factories will be energetically pushed ahead.

At the same time, the construction of oil refinery will be quickened and a project will be started for building up a new large-scale chemical industrial base of great importance in the development of the chemical industry in our country.

The reporter said:

Investments in building-material industry will be doubled compared with last year.

This year, a huge capital construction investment twice as much as last year will be made in light industry, with the result that production will leap 1.2 times in fabrics, 1.3 times in shoes, 1.8 times in paper, 1.2 times in vegetable oil and 1.4 times in sweets, and confectionaries and daily necessities of wide variety will increase and thus people will live in greater affluence.

And we will reinforce the material and technical foundations of fisheries by supplying more large-size refrigerator-transport ships and fishing boats and hastening the construction of refrigeratory factories.

In this year's state budget, 1.5 times as much construction fund as last year is appropriated for transport.

The reporter said: The electrification of the railway line between Pyongyang and Chongjin will be wound up and rails extending hundreds of kilometres will be replaced with rails for heavy-duty waggons. Along with this, construction of new railways will be pushed ahead extensively.

Pointing out that 1.3 times as much fund for capital construction as last year and a huge fund for other purpose is earmarked in the state budget this year for implementing the tasks put forth in the "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country," the reporter noted: This year the successes attained in irrigation will be consolidated and the proportion of the work done by machines will grow markedly in agriculture.

This year larger quantities of chemical fertilizers will be supplied to increase the amount of the fertilizers applied per *jongbo* 1.2 times compared with last year and, at the same time, the farmers will be supplied with various kinds of weedkillers and agricultural chemicals in large amount to continue vigorously pushing ahead with chemicalization of agriculture.

This year, too, the state will build production establishments, houses and cultural and welfare facilities for co-operative farms at its own expense of colossal amount, supply them various farm machines free and provide them with hosts of materials for farming at cheap prices.

The reporter stressed:

The state will bend much efforts for developing in a many-sided way the agricultural production in counties of mountainous areas following the brilliant example of Changsong county created in person by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and leading all the co-operative farms of the country lagging behind to catch up quickly with the advanced ones.

The production of eggs will make a sharp jump of 2.9 times and that of meat 1.4 times as against last year.

He continued:

Another great success will be witnessed in the industrialization of vegetable production and the problem of subsidiary foodstuffs for the people will be solved more satisfactorily.

The reporter said that a large amount of funds of this year's state budget will go to preparing for grand nature-remaking projects to be undertaken in the future and conducting big-scale land upbuilding.

Also this year, he said, our state budget will financially ensure a high rate of development of the national economy racing ahead at Chollima speed and active balance for it and we will brilliantly carry out the programmatic instructions of Comrade Kim Il Sung for increasing the economic potential of the country and raising the people's living standard and thus further displaying the superiority of the socialist system, by continuing construction till tonight, even if a war may break out early tomorrow morning.

The reporter pointed out:

The state budget for this year envisages the allocation of 1,798,680,000 won, 30 per cent of the total expenditure, for defence expenses for further strengthening the defence capacity to meet the demand of the situation.

With the more thoroughgoing implementation of the military line of our Party based on the revolutionary principle of self-defence, our People's Army will grow and strengthen all the more as a cadre army, each being a match for a hundred foes and infinitely faithful to the Party and the Leader, and thoroughly armed with the unitary ideology of the Party and firmly equipped with modern military technique and as invincible revolutionary armed forces capable of defeating any aggressor army in whatever circumstances.

And we will carry on production and construction reliably defending the socialist fatherland by placing the entire people under arms, firmly build up defence establishments everywhere and turn the whole country into an impregnable fortress, thereby further strengthening the most powerful all-people defence system.

The reporter noted that the U.S. imperialists are hell bent on new war preparations in South Korea, openly ranting that a third world war will break out not in Europe but in Asia.

But, no matter how desperately the enemy may try, they cannot block the road ahead of our people who, closely rallied with one ideology and one will around the Workers' Party of Korea and Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, are safeguarding with utmost revolutionary vigilance the security of the fatherland as firm as a rock and dashing forward, holding a rifle in one hand and a hammer and sickle in the other.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, pointed out at a banquet given in honour of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army last year:

"The U.S. imperialists must fully be aware that if they aggravate the situation and persistently take the road of war despite our warnings, they will suffer a heavier defeat this time."

Then the reporter said:

The Party and the Government which have consistently showed a deep concern for the promotion of the people's well-being plan to speedily improve their livelihood this year on the basis of national income which will grow to 116 per cent compared with last year, while directing much efforts to carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel.

Along with the increase of commodity production and sharp rise of the purchasing power of the working people, the retail turnover will grow this year 1.2 times as against last year.

This year's state budget envisages an increase of 32 per cent compared with last year in social and cultural expenses to more

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EDITORIAL

Korean People Do Not Want to Provoke Anyone First, But Will Never Allow Anyone to Provoke Us

The U.S. imperialists, who sent on April 15 their large reconnaissance plane into the territorial air of our country to commit an aggressive espionage act, are kicking up a frantic war racket against our Republic by mobilizing a large number of their aggressive troops. For this, the tension in Korea has been aggravated extremely.

In this connection the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on April 23.

The statement resolutely branded the recent violation of our territorial air by the reconnaissance plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces and the frantic new war racket not only as a grave aggressive act against the Korean people but also as a challenge to peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

The Government of the Republic in its statement made clear again the firm resolve of the Korean people not to tolerate any act of the aggressors violating the sovereignty of their country.

In its statement the Government of the Republic also reclarified its consistent, just stand to remove the tension aggravated by the U.S. imperialist aggressors in Korea and maintain and consolidate peace in Korea and Asia.

The stand of the Government of the Republic manifested in the recent statement fully reflected the unanimous will of the entire Korean people who are firmly determined not to overlook nor tolerate any aggressive act of the U.S. imprialist aggressors but to decisively smash it and resolutely safeguard the security and sovereignty of their country.

The Korean people fully support the statement of the Government of the Republic and vehemently denounce with surging indignation the frenzied war drives of the U.S. imperialists who perpetrated a hostile act of espionage by illegally infiltrating a large-size spy plane into the territorial air of our country and are bringing their aggressor armed forces on a large scale to the adjacent seas of our country.

The recent hostile act of espionage in the territorial air of our country by a large-size spy plane was precisely a link in the whole chain of the premeditated manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea. The U.S. imperialists are trying to bolster up the tottering foundation of their colonial rule over South Korea and, at the same time, attain their aggressive ambition against the whole of Korea by hook or by crook by unleashing a new war of aggression.

The U.S. imperialists have long been stepping up war preparations, reinforcing their aggressor armed forces and the South Korean puppet army, incessantly introducing various kinds of new type weapons and combat materials into South Korea, expanding military establishments, military airfields, harbours and strategic roads and staging large-scale military exercises there and ever more openly perpetrating hostile acts and military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the ground and the sea and in the air in wanton violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

Since Nixon appeared on the scene as the boss of U.S. imperialism, the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea have reached all the more reckless stage.

The hostile espionage act of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" in the territorial waters of our country in January last year and the recent hostile espionage act of a large-size spy plane of the U.S. imperialists in the territorial air of our country were perpetrated as a link in the chain of the systematic schemes of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea.

They are a brigandish act of aggression wantonly trampling underfoot the Korean Armistice Agreement and the publicly recognized norms of international law and a grave criminal provocation openly infringing upon the sovereignty of an independent state.

Our punishment meted out to this spy plane of the U.S. imperialists which recklessly intruded into the territorial air of our country to commit a hostile act is a legitimate self-defence measure and an exercise of sovereignty, publicly recognized by international law.

Nevertheless, the U.S. imperialists, in an attempt to justify the undeniable criminal act of their spy plane "EC-121," are again talking black into white as in the "Pueblo" incident, alleging that it was a "lawful activity" in the "air over high seas" and noisily describing the legitimate self-defence measure of our Republic as an "act of aggression." They are also trying to threaten our people with a new war.

On April 18, Nixon tried to make it appear as if it were their long invested legitimate right to conduct reconnoitering activities against our country and made provocative remarks that reconnaissance flights against our country would continue in the future, too, and that such reconnaissance flights would be provided with "armed protection."

This shameless statement is not new. It is a habitual tactics employed historically by the U.S. imperialists in invading other countries.

As for the "EC-121" plane in question, it is not a passanger plane. Nor was it flying in the air above the U.S. mainland.

It was a spy plane equipped with up-to-date electronic apparatuses and a criminal which illegally intruded deep into the sacred territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, other's country thousands of kilometres away from the U.S. mainland, for the purpose of military espionage and committed an act of espionage.

The provocative utterances of Nixon fully revealed the aggressive intention of the U.S. imperialists to lead the situation further to war by aggravating the tension in Korea.

Nixon says that reconnoitering activities against our country are necessary for "protecting" South Korea and the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops stationed in South Korea. This is a gangster-like logic which can be invented only by the U.S. imperialists who make the practice of invading other countries.

The U.S. imperialists say that they would provide with "armed escort" their hostile reconnaissance flights over our country. This is a very dangerous and high-handed military gamble.

The jargon of the U.S. imperialists about "armed escort" is designed to launch a full-scale armed attack on our country by using it as a pretext and unleash a new total war in Korea in the end.

The statement of Nixon is one more open provocation against our country and our people. To all intents and purposes, it is an open declaration revealing his criminal intention to take a step further to the brink of war.

Provocative military measures and war racket on bellicose orders of Nixon have created a still more tense situation in Korea.

We resolutely condemn and denounce the intrusion of a spy plane of the U.S. imperialists into the territorial air of our country and their extremely dangerous new war provocation racket as a naked aggressive act against our people and a grave challenge to peace in Asia and the world.

Our people are filled with the firm determination to resolutely frustrate any acts of infringing upon our sovereignty.

The Korean people today are not the Korean people of yesterday when they were under the yoke of imperialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"...Our people turned from a nation who had been deprived of their country by foreign imperialists and suffered all sorts of humiliation and insult, into a mighty and dignified nation whom no one would dare to flout, into a resourceful people of a sovereign independent state who build their country with their own efforts, firmly holding power in their hands."

We will in the future too, as in the past, resolutely fight to defend our national sovereignty. The U.S. imperialist aggressors must clearly realize this and stop behaving rashly.

It is an urgent question to preserve and consolidate peace in Korea. In order to preserve and consolidate peace in Korea, the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the ringleader of aggression and disturber of peace, must be withdrawn from South Korea first of all.

The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their policy of aggression are the chief factor keying up the tension in Korea, the root cause of all the misfortunes and sufferings of the South Korean people and the basic obstacle to the unification of our country.

The U.S. imperialists must stop at once all their provocations against the Korean people and get out of South Korea without delay, taking with them their aggressor troops and lethal weapons.

The might of our people under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, is invincible.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"If the enemy forces a new war upon us, all the people will rise as one in a heroic struggle to defend the great socialist gains in the northern half of the Republic, attain the complete liberation and unification of the fatherland and safeguard peace in Asia and the world and will deal annihilating blows to the enemy".

The struggle of our people against the aggression and new war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism is a struggle to safeguard the honour and dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country and a just struggle to defend peace in Korea, Asia and the rest of the world.

We call upon all the peace-loving countries and peoples of the world to denounce more resolutely U.S. imperialism which is acting outrageously in Korea. We are convinced that they will express invariable, full support to and firm solidarity with the just cause of our people who are fighting to defend the security and sovereignty of their fatherland against the threat of U.S. imperialist aggression.

By so doing, they will contribute to accelerating the international isolation of U.S. imperialism, frustrating the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression and war in Korea, and maintaining and consolidating peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

The Korean people who are fighting against the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war will certainly be crowned with victory.

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satisfactorily meet the social and cultural demands of the people, and among them funds for capital construction will rise by 80 per cent above last year's.

A huge amount of funds will be earmarked for housing construction in this year's state budget to build newly 3 times as many modern dwelling houses as last year in towns and villages. Especially, modern houses for 157,000 families will be built in the countryside in one year with a large state investment.

Disbursement for capital construction in the domain of education will increase 2 times and allocation of funds for educational work rise 1.2 times as against last year in order to consolidate the success of the universal nine-year compulsory technical education system and further strengthen the material and technical foundations of schools of various levels and cadre-training organs and a remittance of 1,200,000,000 yen in Japanese currency, a 20 per cent increase above last year's as educational aid funds and stipends is envisaged this year for the democratic, national education of sons and daughters of Korean compatriots in Japan.

He noted that an allocation of nearly 3.4 times as much funds as last year for capital construction in the domain of public health and 20 per cent more expenses for public health work than last year are envisaged in this year's state budget.

And, he added, the state budget envisages this year a large appropriation, 50 per cent more than last year's for nurseries and kindergartens.

The reporter said that besides, the working people of our country will enjoy a greater benefit of social insurance, social security services and paid leave thanks to increasing state budgetary expenditure.

The reporter stressed: Thanks to various measures envisaged by the Party and Government this year, our socialist paradise in which people live with no worry about food, clothing and housing or about the education of their children and medical treatment and which all the people of the world envy so ardently will be converted into a happier paradise where people lead a joyous and pleasant life and great changes will take place on the road of carrying out the programmatic tasks set forth by our Party for the enhancement of the people's living standards.

He said:

I can say with confidence that this year's state budget submitted to this session for examination is a budget for great revolutionary upsurge in socialist construction, which is gaining further momentum as the days go by, and a budget for stepping up economic construction and defence up-building in parallel and a well-compiled and genuine popular budget for the well-being of the people and the future prosperity of the nation.

This huge budget is a realistic budget based on a scientific calculation of the great potentials of the independent national economy we have already built up and all the reserves for increased production and economization and, at the same time, a revolutionary and mobilizing budget reflecting the demands of the present situation and the firm desire of our people to continuously advance at the Chollima speed, the reporter noted.

By successfully fulfilling this year's state budget we should more successfully realize the far-reaching plan of the Leader put forth in the great Ten-Point Political Programme of the Government of the Republic and in the report at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic and bring earlier the complete victory of socialism and the great revolutionary event of the unification of the fatherland, the reporter stressed.

Referring to "On Some Theoretical Problems of the Socialist Economy," and immortal work authored recently by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the reporter said:

We should thoroughly arm ourselves with the great revolutionary ideas and outstanding economic theory of the Leader by making a deep-going study of the immortal work and achieve the complete victory of socialism and the nation-wide victory of our revolution at an earlier date by defending them and carrying them through to the end.

The decisive guarantee in realizing the magnificent programme of the Seven-Year Plan and actively meeting the great revolutionary event of national unification by raising higher the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of the economic construction and defence pubuilding is to firmly establish the system of the unitary ideology of our Party among all functionaries and working people.

The unitary ideology of our Party is the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, who founded the glorious revolutionary traditions, the historic roots of our Party and revolution, and the Workers' Party of Korea, the General Staff of our revolution and the guiding force of our people, founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the first state of the proletarian dictatorship in our country, and who ushered in a new historical era of socialism and communism in our country and is leading the revolution of our country along the straight path of victory by founding a solely correct revolutionary theory and is making a great contribution to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolution.

The revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung are the Marxist-Leninist ideas creatively applied and developed to suit the specific realities of our country, the immortal idea of *Juche* run through with the principles of independence in politics, self-sustenance in the economy and self-defence in national defence and the great revolutionary ideas leading the Korean revolution continuously to victory and guaranteeing the victory of socialism and communism in our country and the world, originally solving all questions arising in the revolution and construction and consistently hewing a new road.

Pointing out that only a new, greater victory is in store for our people who are advancing vigorously along the road indicated by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding Marxist-Leninist of our times and brilliant Leader of revolution, taking the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung as the sole guideline, the reporter stressed in conclusion: Let us advance vigorously for scaling the heights of the Seven-Year Plan and bringing earlier the complete victory of socialism and the great revolutionary event of national unification, rallied closer around our Party Central Committee and Government of the Republic headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Our People Closely United around the Great Leader Will Resolutely Smash Any Aggressive Acts of U.S. Imperialist Invaders

Mass Rallies Supporting the Government Statement Held in Different Parts of the Country

A joint meeting of teachers and students of higher educational institutions in Pyongyang was held on April 25 at the open-air theatre in the Moranbong Youth Park in support of the April 23 statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Respectfully placed on the platform of the meeting place was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who has always been leading our people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity for over 40 years up to date since he took the road of revolution in his early years taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation.

Put up here and there at the meeting place were slogans reading "Let us firmly arm ourselves with the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Let us defend with our lives the Central Committee of the Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Let us work and live in a revolutionary way, maintaining a strained and mobilized posture!"

The faces of the attendants registered the firm determination to maintain heightened revolutionary vigilance and more vigorously push ahead with economic construction and defence upbuilding in a strained and mobilized posture, rallied closer around the Party and the Leader than ever before under the present situation when the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists have reached a very dangerous stage and to defeat and crush the U.S. imperialist aggressors at a stroke if the scoundrels dare ignite a war.

At the meeting which opened with the chorus of the "Song of General Kim Il Sung," Li Nam Gyu, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea, read out first the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pak Yang Il, student of the Kim Chaek Politechnical College, spoke at the meeting.

The recent military provocation of the U.S. imperialists in Korea was one more open, deliberate aggressive move against the Korean people and it was a brigandish act of aggression wantonly violating the Korean Armistice Agreement and publicly recognized international law and a dangerous playing with fire which menaces peace in Korea and in Asia and the world, he said, and remarked: Facts clearly show how frantically the U.S. imperialist aggressors are trying to unleash a new war in Korea.

He stressed: Fighters of our heroic People's Army who were vigilantly watching the ever intensified new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists showered fire of revenge upon a large-size spy plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressors which intruded into our sacred territorial air and was committing a hostile provocation and meted out a deserving punishment to it. This was a legitimate self-defence measure for safeguarding the security and sovereignty of the country.

He pungently denounced the U.S. imperialist aggressors who, far from apologizing for their unpardonable crime, are reversing black and white to describe our legitimate self-defence measure as an "act of aggression" and acting high-handedly to threaten our people with new provocation.

Vehemently castigating the provocative machination of the traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who are twaddling about "joint retaliation" with the U.S. imperialists, he condemned it as a premeditated scheme of the scoundrels to provoke a new war against the northern half of the Republic.

We students will never tolerate insult to the dignity of our people under whatever circumstances and our hearts are burning with the firm determination not to allow any act of infringing upon the sovereignty of our country even if it may cost our lives, he declared with emphasis.

He quoted the following words of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader: **"We do not want war but are never afraid of it. Our people and People's Army will return retaliation for the 'retaliation' of the U.S. imperialists, all-out war for all-out war."**

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors launch a new adventurous playing with fire, there will be only corpses and death for the beasts, the speaker emphasized.

Declaring that the might of our people under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our revolution, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, military strategist-genius and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, is invincible, the speaker stressed: We students will continue to fight resolutely to safeguard national sovereignty, watching the new war drives of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges, traitorous Pak Jung Hi bandits, with heightened vigilance at the call of the Leader, and are filled with the determination to make full preparations to crush the enemies at a blow as in the past Fatherland Liberation War if they pounce upon us.

He evinced the firm resolve of the students to arm themselves more thoroughly with the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader to become a guard detachment and death-defying corps defending Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, with their lives and carrying out his orders and instructions to the end going through fire and water and train themselves as revolutionary soldiers each being a match for a hundred foes by thoroughly implementing the line of placing the entire people under arms and converting the whole country into a fortress.

Jin Yong Gol, teacher of the Kim Il Sung University, spoke next at the meeting.

The April 23 statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea once again manifested the unshakable resolve and indomitable fighting spirit of the entire Korean people not to tolerate any act of the U.S. imperialist aggressors infringing upon the sacred sovereignty of their country but to decisively smash it, he declared.

He said:

If the U.S. imperialists who began going downhill, hit hard by the Korean people, again ignite a war against the Korean people, they will be thrown into the abyss of final ruin.

The floor was taken also by students of the Pyongyang Construction College and the Pyongyang Medical College.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting.

The resolution expressed the full support to the April 23 statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and reflected the unanimous determination of the entire students in the city to more thoroughly arm themselves with the ever-victorious revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, become a guard detachment and death-defying corps defending with their lives the Central Committee of the Party headed by him in any severe storm and stress and unconditionally carrying out the instructions of the Leader to the end and fully prepare themselves politically and ideologically to come out to a sacred struggle for crushing the enemy at any time called by the Party and the Leader and, at the same time, make thorough preparations to wipe out the enemies at one blow if they dare attack us, by consolidating our revolutionary base still more like an impregnable fortress.

The meeting closed with the resounding chorus "U.S. imperialists, get out of this land at once."

Similar meetings are being held at factories, enterprises, schools and other places throughout the country.

U.S. Imperialist Aggressor Troops Commit Another Grave Provocation against Northern Half of the Republic

Along Military Demarcation Line in Gross Violation of Korean Armistice Agreement

Recently the U.S. imperialist aggressor army began perpetrating more frequent and hideous acts for the provocation of a new war, while bringing into the Demilitarized Zone en masse various guns and heavy weapons, including 81 mm. mortars and 57 mm. recoilless guns, in crude violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

As an extension of such planned war provocation moves, the U.S. imperialist aggressor army committed a vicious provocative act firing thousands of bullets and shells toward areas of our side on the Jukdong and Sewunri lines southeast of Kimhwa from five hours April 23, by mobilizing guns and heavy weapons of various calibres, 105 mm. howitzers included.

Facts clearly show how desperately the U.S. imperialist aggressors are trying to provoke a new war in Korea, grossly violating the Armistice Agreement.

The new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialist aggressors will be unable to escape each time a powerful self-defensive counter-blow from the Korean people and the Korean People's Army, their invincible revolutionary armed forces.

A joint meeting of teachers and students of higher educational institutions in Pyongyang was held on April 25 at the open-air theatre in the Moranbong Youth Park in support of the D.P.R.K. government statement. Slogans read: "U.S. imperialists, get out of South Korea at once!" "Down with U.S. imperialist aggressors!" and "Down with Pak Jung Hi puppet clique!"
Photo by Kim Jong Dok

Self-defensive Measure of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Is Fully Just

Broad World Public Sternly Denounce U.S. Imperialists' New Military Provocation against Korean People

On April 15 a large-size spy plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressors that intruded deep into the territorial air of our country to conduct hostile espionage activities was meted out a due punishment by the immediate self-defensive measure of the gallant fighters of the Korean People's Army. In this connection the socialist countries and many other countries of the world are lodging a protest against and condemning the U.S. imperialists for their aggressive acts and war policy.

In the Democratic Republic of Vietnam

According to a report from Vietnam, in its article **Nhandan**, organ of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Vietnam, strongly condemned the grave military provocations of the U.S. imperialists who had intruded their spy plane into the sacred territorial air of our country to commit espionage acts, and warmly praised the gallant fighters of our People's Army who downed it at a shot.

Recalling the fact that the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" was seized last year on the scene of the crime by the resolute self-defensive measure of the Korean People's Army while committing hostile activities against our country, the paper said: Instead of drawing a lesson from this the U.S. imperialists have perpetrated again criminal hostile acts by intruding their spy plane into the territorial air of the northern half of the Republic. This espionage scheme reveals that they are continually pursuing an aggressive aim against the D.P.R.K. and other socialist countries.

If the U.S. imperialists do not stop the hostile plots against the D.P.R.K. they will suffer a serious defeat, the paper stressed.

Expressing the full support to the Korean people's struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, it said: The successes gained by the Korean people in their anti-U.S. struggle are encouraging the fighting Vietnamese people. The U.S. imperialists should stop all espionage and war acts against the D.P.R.K., it demanded in conclusion.

Meanwhile, **People's Army** and **the Voice of Vietnam** in their articles exposed and denounced the criminal acts of the U.S. imperialists who intruded a spy plane into the D.P.R.K. territorial space to perpetrate hostile acts.

In the Soviet Union

According to reports from Moscow, the Soviet papers **Pravda, Izvestia, Krasnaya Zvezda** and **Moskovskaya Pravda** carried articles headlined "The U.S. provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" in connection with the criminal intrusion of a U.S. imperialist spy plane into the territorial air of the D.P.R.K.

These papers quoted the report of the Korean Central News Agency stating that the espionage acts of the U.S. imperialist aggressors are a grave challenge to the Korean people and the Korean people's warning against the U.S. imperialists' aggressive acts is not an empty talk at all.

Izvestia exposed the frantic war racket the U.S. imperialist aggressors have been raising since they were inflicted a due punishment while perpetrating hostile acts against the Korean people. It pointed out: The bosses of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, trying to seek a way out, hold that the crew of the spy plane had already been ordered to keep 60 miles away from the line of the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. But this allegation is absurd and it is not acknowledged even in the United States itself, it stressed.

In Bulgaria

According to a report from Sophia, the Bulgarian paper **Rabotnichesko Delo** carried an article under the headline "Repeated defeats," which pointed out: In the wake of the hostile espionage acts committed by their spy plane in the territorial air of the D.P.R.K., the U.S. imperialists are making more frantic war clamours.

Enumerating the spy acts perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists throughout the world the article went on: No excuse can be made for the shameless spy act committed in contradiction with the norms of international law. This act is part of the foreign policy of the U.S. government that plays a dangerous role as an international gendarme under the spurious pretext of opposing the so-called "communist threat."

It continued: As the results of the continuous provocations of the U.S. imperialists against the D.P.R.K. show the aggressors are only doomed to defeat. It is the last time that the United States should know it.

Meanwhile, **Narodna Armia** and **Otechestven Front** also carried articles condemning the recent intrusion of the U.S. imperialist army's spy plane into our country.

In Hungary

According to a report from Budapest, the Hungarian papers, radios and televisions reported in highlights the fact that the valiant fighters of the Korean People's Army downed at a shot the spy plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army that intruded deep into the D.P.R.K. territorial air.

Nepszabadsag pointed out: The bosses of the U.S. imperialists have been thrown into confusion since their spy plane was inflicted a due punishment while committing espionage acts after its intrusion deep into the territorial air of the D.P.R.K. The paper called attention to the fact that the military provocations of U.S. imperialism against the northern half of the Republic took place at a time when the Korean situation has become acute to the extreme due to the U.S. imperialist aggressors' war exercises in South Korea.

In Poland

According to a report from Warsaw, the Polish paper **Trybuna Lyudu** carried an article in connection with the fact that the gallant fighters of the Korean People's Army downed at a shot the spy plane of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army that committed hostile acts after its intrusion deep into the territorial space of our country.

Recalling the incident of "Pueblo," the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship, the article pointed out: The "Pueblo" on the sea and the "Pueblo" in the air—these two incidents most eloquently reveal the nature of the aggressive moves of U.S. imperialism against the D.P.R.K.

Zolnierz Wolnosci and **Zycie Warszawy** also carried articles in this connection. Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists can not act at their own will the papers warned the U.S. imperialist aggressors that they should know that they cannot fly over the territorial air of other country without being inflicted a punishment.

In Japan

The Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party sent a protest to the reactionary governments of the United States and Japan respectively condemning the grave military provocations of U.S. imperialism, in connection with the fact that a U.S. imperialists' spy plane was shot down by the gallant fighters of the Korean People's Army while committing espionage acts after its intrusion into the D.P.R.K. territorial air.

The protest sent to Nixon, the despicable boss of U.S. imperialism, exposed the fact that the U.S. imperialists are engaged in military provocations against Korea using their military bases in Japan as the footholds. It stated as follows: This reveals the new U.S. government's plot to expand its Asian aggression with Japan as a base and this can never be tolerated for the peace in Asia and the safety of Japan.

The Japan Communist Party together with the broad sections of the Japanese people resolutely lodges a protest against the new military provocations of the U.S. government committed with Japan as its base and strongly demands that it stop them at once and that the spy planes be immediately taken away from Japan.

The protest lodged against the reactionary Sato government scathingly condemned the criminal acts of the Japanese militarists who actively help and take part in the new war provocation moves of the U.S. imperialists against the D.P.R.K.

The same day, the Japan Socialist Party sent a protest to the reactionary Nixon government. Denouncing resolutely the repeated provocative acts of U.S. imperialists against the D.P.R.K., it strongly demanded that the U.S. imperialists admit their spy plane's intrusion into the D.P.R.K. territorial air and its spy acts and formally apologize for them.

The representatives of the Central Execution Committee for the Implementation of the Demands for the Abrogation of the Japan-U.S. Security Pact, the Japan Peace Committee, the Japan Council against A-H Bombs, the Japan Democratic Youth Union, the New Japan Women's Association, the Japan-Korea Association and many other public organizations and trade union organizations thronged the U.S. embassy to strongly denounce the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists.

Meanwhile, the representatives of the democratic parties and public organizations in Japan are waging various forms of struggle such as street propaganda and protest meetings in Yokosuka, Tachikawa, Itazuke and other bases of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, condemning the intrusion of the spy plane of the U.S. imperialists into the territorial air of the D.P.R.K.

The Japan-Korea Association issued a statement denouncing the U.S. imperialists for their grave provocations against the D.P.R.K.

Representative Director Masaharu Hatanaka of the Japan-Korea Association and President Yoshitaro Hirano of the Japan Peace Committee also issued a statement respectively in this connection.

With No Attempt Can U.S. Imperialists Cover Up Their Criminal Act of Sending Their Spy Plane into Our Territorial Air and Ever Escape Responsibility for This

Major General Li Chun Son, Senior Member of our side to the Korean Military Armistice Commission, issued the following statement on April 18, in connection with the impudent act of the senior member of the enemy side who fled from the 290th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission after unilaterally breaking it up:

Statement of Senior Member of Our Side to Korean Military Armistice Commission

At the Military Armistice Commission today the senior member of the enemy side had the impertinence to flee, unilaterally breaking up the meeting.

This was one more flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement and a criminal act wrecking the normal functions of the Military Armistice Commission.

The 290th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission had been called by our side for denouncing the military provocations of the U.S. imperialists against the northern half of the Republic becoming more wanton these days and for calling them to account.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors, who raise war racket almost every day against the northern half of the Republic, committed military provocations on 42 occasions between April 10 and 16 alone, firing thousands of bullets and shells toward the area of our side and raiding posts of our side by mobilizing armed personnel.

At the meeting we first sternly denounced such criminal acts of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and protested to them.

Finding himself in a fix where he could not escape the responsibility for this, the senior member of the enemy side let loose a whole string of robber-like sophistry in an attempt to justify the criminal act in sending a spy plane into the territorial air of our country on April 15.

When we brought the U.S. imperialists to task at the meeting for the aggressive act of infiltrating a spy plane into the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the senior member of the enemy side fled from the meeting hall, at a loss for a word.

This stripped naked the aggressor who fears most the exposure of the truth about his criminal acts.

As for the criminal act committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors in sending the spy plane into the territorial air of our country, it was a link in the chain of the planned moves of the U.S. imperialists for the provocation of a new war in Korea.

Instead of drawing a proper lesson from their defeat and disgrace in the "Pueblo" incident, the U.S. imperialists had ceaselessly conducted espionage against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from the air by mobilizing such large-size reconnaissance planes as "RB-47," "RB-57," "EC-121" and "RC-130" till April 15 when they perpetrated a grave provocative act by infiltrating the large-size reconnaissance plane "EC-121" into the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and conducting espionage against our country.

This was a crude encroachment upon the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and an open challenge to peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

An air force unit of the Korean People's Army firmly defending the inviolable territorial air of the fatherland, in a self-defence action, shot down the large-size reconnaissance plane "EC-121" of the U.S. imperialists which had illegally intruded into the territorial air of our country.

The bringing down of the large-size reconnaissance plane "EC-121" of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces by the Korean People's Army, was an exercise of the rightful sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and a deserved punishment to the aggressors.

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D.P.R.K. Govt. and Entire Korean People Resolutely Denounce Vicious Machinations of U.S. Imperialists to Expand Aggressive War in Laos

The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following statement on April 19 denouncing the U.S. imperialists who are steadily expanding and intensifying the barbarous war of aggression in Laos of late:

Statement of D.P.R.K. Foreign Ministry

Recently the U.S. imperialists are steadily expanding and intensifying the barbarous war of aggression in Laos.

During the past several months, U.S. imperialism massacred a large number of guiltless people by mobilizing its planes on a big scale and conducting bestial indiscriminate bombing, while intensifying attacks on the areas under the control of the Laotian patriotic army by directly commanding the Laotian puppet army. The U.S. imperialist aggressors are expanding the aggressive war in Laos by illegally introducing even their aggressor troops into Laos from South Vietnam.

This criminal act of U.S. imperialism is a brigandish act of aggression gravely infringing upon the sovereignty of the Laotian people and wantonly trampling underfoot the publicly recognized international agreements on Laos.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people resolutely denounce with surging indignation the shameless manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to expand the aggressive war against the Laotian people and fully support the statement issued by the Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front on April 7, 1969, in denunciation of the crimes of U.S. imperialism.

Today the U.S. imperialists are frantically trying to expand the aggressive war in Laos as a link in the chain of the manoeuvres to bolster up the crumbling foundation of the rule of their puppets in Laos and, furthermore, to tide over their defeat in the aggressive war in Vietnam and the bankruptcy of their strategy of Asian aggression.

This scheme of U.S. imperialism, however, is nothing but a hopeless adventure. As U.S. imperialism runs wilder, it will only make the position of the scoundrels more difficult. The U.S. imperialists will sustain a still more miserable defeat in face of the powerful counter-attack of the patriotic Laotian people.

Today the patriotic armed forces and people of Laos are growing stronger in the flames of the anti-U.S. national-salvation struggle and are dealing heavier blows to the enemy.

The anti-U.S. national-salvation struggle of the Laotian people enjoys the extensive support of the peace-loving people the world over.

The Korean people will as ever actively support and encourage with might and main the righteous struggle of the Laotian people against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy, and for building a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic, unified and prosperous Laos.

The Laotian question is an internal affair of the Laotian people and should be solved by the Laotian people themselves without the interference of U.S. imperialism. The U.S. imperialist aggressors must unconditionally stop the barbarous bombing and aggressive acts against the liberated areas of Laos and quit Laos at once, taking their aggressor troops and lethal weapons.

The Laotian people, rallied close around the Laotian Patriotic Front, will surely win final victory in the sacred struggle against U.S. imperialism and its stooges, traitorous clique of Laos.

Pyongyang, April 19, 1969

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The U.S. imperialist aggressors are now brazenly asserting that the large-size reconnaissance plane "EC-121" was shot down while it was "engaged in a legitimate reconnaissance operation" in "international air space".

It is an old game of the U.S. imperialists to reverse black and white, denying a hard fact.

At the time of the incident of the "Pueblo," an armed spy ship, which was seized in a self-defence action of the Korean People's Army while committing espionage and hostile acts after intruding into the territorial waters of our country, the U.S. imperialists obstinately insisted for nearly one year that the ship was captured in the "open sea," but admitted their criminal act and apologized to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea when they were driven to the blind alley by irrefutable material evidences.

This time, too, the U.S. imperialist aggressors are ridiculously trying to mislead world public opinion and whitewash their criminal act by letting out a whole category of sophistry.

With no attempt, however, can the U.S. imperialists cover up the criminal act of the large-size reconnaissance plane "EC-121" shot down while committing espionage after intruding into the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or ever escape the responsibility for this.

The heroic Korean People's Army and the Korean people will never tolerate the U.S. imperialists' manoeuvres for war provocation and will, in the future, too, mete out a stern punishment to the aggressors infringing upon the sovereignty of our country.

Panmunjom, April 18, 1969

Tanzania Advances Upholding the Slogan of Self-reliance

April 26 is the fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Republic of Tanzania.

On this day, the Korean people extend warm congratulations to the Tanzanian people.

The founding of the United Republic of Tanzania based on the common ideal and desire of the people of Tanganyika and Zanzibar marked an epochal event in the struggle of the peoples of these countries for building an independent state, mighty and prosperous.

Since the unification the Tanzanian people have made great achievements under the leadership of President Nyerere in their struggle for achieving the prosperity of the country upholding the slogan of self-reliance under the banner of anti-imperialism, independence and self-sustenance. Particularly, the publication of the "Arusha Declaration" which reflects the unanimous desire of the Tanzanian people to build an independent state, rich and strong, with their own efforts marked a new turning-point in their struggle for liquidating the evil aftermaths of the colonial rule and for the independent development of the country.

Scores of factories and enterprises have been nationalized and new ones built.

With the many-sided development of agriculture, swift progress of co-operative movement and nature-remaking projects, agricultural production is on the rapid increase.

A nation-wide "pure nation movement" designed to reject the outside forces in all spheres of social life has been launched. In this course national education and culture have made rapid progress.

Today the Tanzanian people are vigorously striving to create a new life, while firmly defending the revolutionary gains under the slogan of "a hoe in one hand and a rifle in the other."

The government and people of Tanzania are also striving to strengthen the solidarity of the African people in their struggle against U.S.-led imperialism and colonialism and giving an active support and encouragement to the armed struggle of the people in this area for the freedom and liberation.

The Tanzanian government and people are actively supporting the struggle of the Korean people to drive out the U.S. imperialists from South Korea and unify their country on an independent basis.

The Korean people sincerely rejoice over the valuable achievements the Tanzanian people have scored in their arduous struggle for creating a new history smashing cunning and vicious subversive and wrecking activities of all kinds of the old and new colonialists led by the U.S. imperialists.

The relations of friendship and co-operation which prevail between the Korean and Tanzanian peoples are now deepening with each passing day and in particular, they are more rapidly developing after the visit of President Nyerere to our country last year.

Convinced that the ties of friendship between the two peoples will be further consolidated and developed in future in the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. joint struggle, the Korean people heartily wish the Tanzanian people fresh success in their valiant struggle to shatter the subversive plot of the imperialists and achieve the prosperity of the country.

Korean People Fully Support Just Struggle of Heroic Cuban People and Latin American People against U.S. Imperialism and Its Stooges,

Declares Chairman of Korean Committee for Asian-African Solidarity

In connection with the "Week of international solidarity with Latin American people" Jon Chang Chol, Chairman of the Korean Committee for Asian-African Solidarity, made public a statement.

In the week, the Korean people express firm solidarity with and militant greetings to the revolutionary people of Latin America who are fighting valiantly against the aggression and plunder by U.S. imperialism and tyranny of the pro-U.S. reactionary regimes and for freedom, genuine independence and social progress, he said, and went on:

Today the heroic Cuban people are resolutely frustrating all the aggressive machinations of the U.S. imperialists and defending reliably the gains of the revolution and the country's sovereignty, raising high the banner of the anti-U.S. revolutionary struggle in the Western Hemisphere, and are recording great successes in the struggle for building socialism in the country.

Greatly encouraged by the advance of the Cuban revolution, the peoples of many Latin American countries including Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, Bolivia and Peru, are waging staunch struggles against the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, with arms in hands, and dealing heavy blows at the enemies everywhere.

Large numbers of people on the continent are valiantly waging struggles of various forms such as strike, demonstration and mass rally along with the armed struggle, shaking the colonial system of the U.S. imperialists in the Western Hemisphere to its foundation.

This struggle of the Latin American people is a just struggle for the genuine freedom and liberation of the people in this region, and it is making a great contribution to the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. revolutionary struggle of the world revolutionary peoples and hastening the final doom of imperialism and colonialism headed by U.S. imperialism.

He pointed out that the U.S. imperialists on the downgrade are desperately trying in Latin America to check the triumphant advance of the Cuban revolution and the anti-U.S., anti-dictatorship struggle of the people in this region and to prop up the tottering foundation of their colonial rule.

Then he exposed the daily intensifying new war provocation manoeuvrings of the U.S. imperialists in Korea.

He continued:

The situation remains strained in our country and facts show that a war may break out at any moment due to the aggressive moves of the U.S. imperialists.

Our people have made full preparations for knocking down any enemy at one stroke, no matter when and where it may come, by thoroughly implementing the line of the Party on stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors ignite another war of aggression in Korea, failing to see this stern reality, they will be dealt a hundred-fold, a thousand-fold, retaliatory blow by the Korean people who are rallied firm, with one mind and one will, around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and military strategist-genius.

He further said:

For a successful struggle against U.S. imperialism, the world anti-imperialist revolutionary forces should form the broadest possible anti-U.S. united front, thoroughly isolate U.S. imperialism and should deal a blow with united force at U.S. imperialism in all areas where it has stretched its tentacles of aggression and on all fronts.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said:

"If more countries even if small, pool their strength and fight resolutely against imperialism, the peoples can knock down U.S. imperialism with decisively overwhelming power at each and every front. The peoples of all countries making revolution should tear limbs off the U.S. beast and behead it all over the world. The U.S. imperialists appear to be strong, but when the peoples of many coutries attack them from all sides and join in mutilating them in that way, they will become impotent and bite the dust in the end."

The Korean people will as always render an active support and encouragement to the Latin American people in their just liberation struggle and advance vigorously in close unity with them in the struggle against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy, and its stooges.

We are convinced that the Latin American people, upholding the banner of the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle, will win final victory by fighting more resolutely against U.S. imperialism and pro-U.S. dictatorial regimes and for the liberation and genuine independence of the country.

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